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WITCHCRAFT IN MARYLAND.*

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The first reference in the *Maryland Archives* to the killing of a witch is found among the Proceedings of the Council of Maryland (1636-1667) where are recorded the depositions of Henry Corbyn, a young merchant of London, and Francis Darby, a gentleman, who were passengers on the ship "Charity of London," on her voyage to Saint Mary's city, under command of John Bosworth, Captain. After making port, these two travelers appeared before the Governor, William Stone, Thomas Hatton, Secretary, and Job Chandler, a member of the Council and, were by them examined under oath on June 23, 1654, with respect to the hanging of Mary Lee, a witch, by the crew while on the high seas. These early voyagers gave a graphic description of the tragedy. Their vivid narratives are proof of the then prevailing belief, as neither the sailors, the captain, a merchant of a great city, nor the gentlemen present, who represented a cross section of society, entertained a doubt that Mary Lee was a witch. Their accounts are of things of common knowledge. *Md. Archives*, v. 3, p. 306.

It is quite likely that the story of the hanging of the witch on

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the good ship "Charity" spread among the settlers and, though not preserved, her confession must have been given currency and, so may have loosed the tongue of Peter Godson against whom an action of slander for calling Richard Manship's wife a witch was brought in the Provincial Court, and determined on October 16, 1654. This case, reported in *Md. Archives*, v. 10, p. 399, "was composed and determined before Mr. Richard Preston" . . . "the said Peter Godson and his wife have acknowledged themselves sorry for their speeches and pay charges."

Over two hundred and fifty years after this litigation that was so happily composed by Justice Richard Preston, one Henry Magin came to a lawyer's office in Westminster, and wrathfully demanded that a suit be brought against Alice Carr for defamation of his character. The cause of action was that there had suddenly appeared, nailed high on a number of trees along the roadside leading to the water mill conducted by Magin, new chestnut shingles on which were rudely lettered the accusatory words: "Hen Magin is a Hex." The client was grievously affronted. He explained to the perplexed counsel that "hex" was the German word for witch; solemnly declared the charge was untrue; and asserted that he defied his defamer to prove the statement. The case was declined on various grounds, which left the party much incensed that he could not obtain a vindication at law.

The next execution of which the Maryland Archives bear witness was, also, at sea. John Washington of Westmoreland county, in the province of Virginia, the great grandfather of George Washington, was the complainant, and he charged that in 1658, one Edward Prescott, merchant, had committed a felony by hanging a witch, Elizabeth Richardson, on his ship "The Sarah Arth" as it was bound from England to the colonies. Governor Fendall caused the accused to be arrested, and to be bound for his appearance at court; and, then, Washington was advised of these facts by the Governor, and the following entries in the records of the Provincial Court and the correspondence furnish all that is known of this hanging.

“ Whereas John Washington of Westmerland County in Virginia hath made Complaynt agst Edward Prescott merch^t, Accusing the s^d Prescott of felony unto the Gouverno^r of this Prouince, Alleaging how that hee the s^d Prescott hanged a Witch in his ship, as hee was outwards bownd from England hither the last yeare. Vppon w^{ch} Complaynt of the s^d Washington, the Gou^r caused the s^d Edward Prescott to bee arrested; Taking Bond for his appearance att this Prouinciall Court of 40000^l Tob, Gyuing moreouer notice to the s^d Washington by letter of his proceedings therein.

Hon^{ble} S^r

Yo^{rs} of this 29th instant this day I received. I am sorry th^t my extraordinary occasions will not permitt mee to bee att the next Prouinciall Court, to bee held in Maryland the 4th of this next month, Because then god willing I intend to gett my yowng sonne baptized, All the Company & Gossips being allready inuited, Besides in this short time Wittnesses cannott be gott to come ouer. But if M^r Prescott be bownd to answere it the next Prouinciall Court after this, I shall doe what lyeth in my power to gett them ouer, S^r I shall desyre yo^u for to acquayne mee wither M^r Prescott be bound ouer to the next Court, & when the Court is that I may haue some time for to prouide euidence & soe I rest

Yo^r ffreind & Seru^t

30th of Septem^{br} 1659.

John Washington.

To w^{ch} Complaynt of John Washington the s^d Edward Prescott (submitting himselfe to his tryall) denyeth not, but that there was One Elizabeth Richardson hanged in his ship, as hee was outward Bownd the last yeare from England, & coming for this prouince, neare unto the Westernne Islands, by his Master & Company, (Hee hauing appoynted one John Greene for th^t Voyage Master, though himselfe was both merch^t & owner of the ship) But further sayth, That he wthstood the proceedings of his s^d Master and Company, & protested agst them in that

busines. And that thereuppon both the Master & Company were ready to mutiny. And it appearing to the Court by the Printed Custome howse Discharge & Light-howse Bills or acquittances produced & shewen by the s^d Edw: Prescott taken or gyuen in John Greenes name; that the s^d Greene was master for th^t Voyage, & not Edward Prescott. Any noe One comming to prosecute, The s^d Prescott therefore prays that hee may bee acquitted.

Whereuppon (standing upon his Justificaōn) Proclamaōn was made by the Sheriffe in these very words.

Edward Prescott Prisoner at the Bar upon suspition of ffelony stand upon his acquittall. If any person can give evidence against him, lett him come in, for the Prisoner otherwise will be acquitt.

And noe on(e app)earing, The Prisoner is acquitted by the Board." *Md. Archives*, v. 41, pp. 327-329; Brown, *Maryland: The History of a Palatinate*, pp. 83-86; Riley's *Ancient City*, p. 47.

Although the crime charged was a felony, and Washington was notified of the place and time of the meeting of the next court, and was warned that the prisoner must be confronted with the witnesses against him, yet, notwithstanding the passage of the Potomac was quickly made, Washington was unwilling to postpone the baptism of his young son and suggested the trial be deferred to the next term. The right to a speedy hearing could not be postponed for the religious ceremony and the matter was not put off, but Prescott, went to trial, and because it appeared that Prescott, although the owner of the ship and on board, was not her master but that John Greene had been given command and was its master for the voyage, Prescott, the owner and aboard, was acquitted, and, no one appearing against him, was discharged.

The next instance concerns the jeopardy of one Elizabeth Bennett, who was accused of being a witch, and the matter was before the grand jury of the Provincial Court at its October Term, 1665, in Saint Mary's, which had been charged by Philip

Calvert, Chancellor, "concerning witchcraft, Burglary, felony, murther & other Trespasses where a Penalty or fine is imposed by the Law of the Province." On October 11 the entry shows that the grand jury "came into court and brought these bills: * * * Elizabeth Bennett for Witch &c. Ret. not presentable"; and on October 16, 1665, the concluding entry is: "Cleared by Proclamaõn." *Md. Archives*, v. 49, pp. 476, 486, 508.

The first judicial conviction is, apparently, that of John Cowman, who was convicted under the Statute of James I for witchcraft, conjuration, sorcery or enchantment upon the body of Elizabeth Goodale, and sentenced to be hung. He was saved by the intercession of the deputies and delegates of the Lower House of the General Assembly, who petitioned Charles Calvert, the Lieutenant General and the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court for clemency. The Upper House on February 17th, 1674, granted the reprieve, as will be seen from the only records now extant:

"Comes into the house a Petition of the Lower house as followeth Viz^t

To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq^r Lieutenant General and Chief Iudge of the Provincial Court of the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary—

The humble Petition of the Deputies and Delegates of the Lower House of Assembly

Humbly Sheweth to your Excellency

That whereas John Cowman being Arraigned Convicted and Condemned upon the statute of the first of King James of England &c for Witchcraft Conjuration Sorcery or Enchantment used upon the Body of Elizabeth Goodale and now Lying under that Condemnation, and hath humbly Implored and Beseeched Us your Lordships Petitioners to Mediate and Intercede in his behalf with Your Excellency for a Reprieve and Stay of Execution—

Your Excellencies Petitioners do therefore accordingly in

all Humble Manner beseech your Excellency that the Rigour and Severity of the Law to which the said Condemned Malefactor hath Miserably Exposed himself may be Remitted and Relaxed by the Exercise of your Excellencys Mercy & Clemencie upon so wretched and Miserable an Object.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray &c

Signed by Order of the house Robert Ridgley Cl

Upper house february the 17th

The Lieutenant General hath Considered of the Petition here above and is willing upon the request of the Lower house that the Condemned Malefactor be reprieved and Execution Stayed, Provided that the Sheriff of S^t Maries County carry him to the Gallows, and that the rope being about his neck it be there made known to him how much he is Beholding to the Lower house of Assemblie for Mediating and Interceeding in his Behalf with the Lieu^t General and that he remain at the City of S^t Maries to be Employed in Such Service as the Governor and Council shall think fitt during the Pleasure of the Governor." *Md. Archives*, v. 2, pp. 425-426.

Although the belief in witchcraft prevailed during the century which followed the foundation of Maryland, the published volumes of the *Archives* do not furnish any additional evidence of judicial prosecutions. However, William Kilty, chancellor of Maryland, in his report to the General Assembly of Maryland of the English Statutes which had been enforced in Maryland before the Revolution, noted that a woman had been hung as a witch and that two others had been tried and acquitted of the crime of witchcraft. Kilty's *English Statutes* (1811), p. 190; Scharf's *History of Maryland*, vol. I, pp. 297-299; Browne's *Maryland*, p. 83.

The belief in witchcraft and its practice has existed among all primitive peoples. The records that remain of Ancient Egypt and Babylonia establish its prevalence. In the Code of Hammurabi, which was promulgated about 2000 B. C. is found in the first two sections of the code: "If a man weave a spell

and put a ban upon a man, and has not justified himself, he that wove the spell upon him shall be put to death" (Sec. 1). "If a man has put a spell upon a man and has not justified himself, he upon whom the spell is laid shall go to the holy river; he shall plunge into the holy river and if the holy river overcome him, he who wove the spell upon him shall take to himself his house." "If the holy river makes that man to be innocent, and has saved him, he who laid the spell upon him shall be put to death. He who plunged into the holy river shall take to himself the house of him who wove the spell upon him" (Sec. 2).

The production of effects beyond the natural powers of man by supernatural agencies other than the divine involves in witchcraft the idea of a diabolical pact or an appeal to the intervention of the spirits of evil. The spirits of evil were the devil, under various guises and names, and his demons. According to the Old Testament, the devil was the wisest of all angels, and his virtues were extolled by God, who thus addressed him under the symbolic name of the King of Tyre: "Thou wast perfect in all thy ways from the day thou wast created till unrighteousness was found in thee." Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 12.

The Bible however, enjoined death for merely being a witch in these words: "Wizards thou shalt not suffer to live," "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live," "A man or a woman in whom there is a pythical or divining spirit, dying let them die; they shall stone them; their blood be upon them." Deut. XVIII, 11-12; Ex. XXII, 18; Lev. XX, 27. Gal V-20; Apoc. XXI, 8-XXII, 15; Acts VIII, 9; XVIII, 6.

Notwithstanding the penalties prescribed in the Bible, the early church punished witches or sorcerers by excommunication, imprisonment until conversion or expulsion from the diocese. It was not until the thirteenth century that Gregory IX embodied in the Canon Law the mandate that heretics, after condemnation, should be delivered to the secular arm, which burned them at the stake. The Pope's Constitution (1231) was directed against heretics but, although Alexander IV ruled (1258) that the inquisitors should limit their intervention to those cases in

which there was some clear presumption of heretical belief, heresy was readily inferred from slight magical practices, and in 1275 at Toulouse, occurred the earliest instance of a witch burned to death after judicial sentence of an inquisitor. Hugues de Baniol, *Cauzons La Magie*, II, 21-7; *Catholic Ency.*, Vol. XV, 675-676. The woman had made a confession of having brought forth a monster after intercourse with an evil spirit and to have nourished it with the flesh of babies which she had procured in her nocturnal expeditions.

By the Constitution *Super illius specula* (1326) Pope John XXII ordained that the penalties of heresy should be imposed upon those "who ally themselves with death and make a pact with hell, who sacrifice to the demons, make or have images, rings, mirrors, phials or other analogous objects, intended to serve as bonds to hold the demons, who ask questions of the demons, obtain answers to them and have recourse to the demons to satisfy their depraved desires."

The prosecution of sorcerers or witches by the church and the secular courts grew and great numbers were punished by death or imprisonment for life or a long term of years. Henry Institoris and James Sprenger, inquisitors, were empowered by Pope Innocent VIII (1484) to deal with persons of every class and every form of crime, and in 1489 published the book *Malleus Maleficarum* (the hammer of witches), which was divided into three parts. The first two of which contain a dissertation upon the reality of witchcraft and its nature and the manner of dealing with it; and the third part formulates the rules of procedure, whether the trial be had in an ecclesiastical or a secular court. From this handbook the accused were plied with questions and, by a strange perversion, the desired admissions that had been wrung from their victims by rack or thumb-screw were described as voluntary. *Ency. Brittanica*, "Witchcraft." The publication of this book increased the number of prosecutions and became the code of the inquisitors. In 1390 the church in France was deprived of its right to prosecute sorcerers and the trials of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were mainly

in the secular courts, without, however, any advantage enuring to those prosecuted.

On the continent trials and executions did not cease until the end of the eighteenth century. In Spain a woman was burnt in 1781 at Seville by the Inquisition and the secular courts condemned a girl to decapitation in 1782. In 1783 a girl was executed in the canton of Glarus, Switzerland. An execution took place in Posen in 1793. England and Scotland participated in these prevailing prosecutions, although the witches were not usually burned. An appalling number were unquestionably executed, and many of these occurred after the settlement of Maryland in 1634. The last trial in England for witchcraft was in 1712 when Jane Wenham was convicted but was not executed. In Scotland trials, accompanied by torture, were frequent in the seventeenth century, and the last trial and execution was in 1722. After the law ceased to punish, the mob occasionally did, as is exemplified by the instance Gilbert White gives in *The Natural History of Selborne*: "no longer than the year 1751 and within twenty miles of the capital, they seized on two superannuated wretches, crazed with age, and overwhelmed with infirmities, on a suspicion of witchcraft, and, by trying of experiments, drowned them in a horse-pond." *Spectator*, vol. 2, pp. 130, 179; vol. 4, pp. 70, 214.

The report of Chancellor Kilty to the General Assembly was in 1810. He classified the English Statutes which had existed at the time of the first emigration of the people of Maryland, and those which had been subsequently passed; and he further designated those which were proper to be introduced and incorporated into the body of the statute law of the State. In the course of this work, the chancellor reviewed the statute law with respect to witchcraft. Witchcraft was by the ancient laws of England of ecclesiastical cognizance, although it is also said that offenders of this kind might be punished at the common law by condemnation to the pillory. *Hawkins Pleas of Crown*, c. 2; c. 3, s. 2. After a conviction by an ecclesiastical court, and a refusal to abjure, or a relapse into the practice of witchcraft

after abjuration, the convict would be turned over to a secular court for punishment with death by burning pursuant to the writ *de heretico comburendo*, which was grantable out of chancery upon a certificate of conviction. The writ was abolished by statute of 29 Charles II, c. 9, 1676, and, after that date the notation on the margin of the court-book of the terse expression of "convicta et combusta," ceased.

A general statute against witchcraft was passed during the reign of Elizabeth which made conjuration and invocation of evil spirits a felony, 5 Eliz. c. 16, and this statute was superseded by an act of parliament known as 1 James I, c. 12, which made it a felony, without benefit of clergy and sanctuary, to use any invocation or conjuration of any evil and wicked spirit, or to consult or covenant with, entertain, employ, feed or reward any evil and wicked spirit, or to take up a dead body or any of its parts to be employed in any manner of witchcraft, enchantment, charm or sorcery whereby any person shall be killed, destroyed, wasted, consumed, pined or lamed in body or its parts. The act of James I was in force until its repeal by 9 George II, c. 5, the effect of which was to prohibit all future prosecutions for conjurations, witchcraft, sorcery or enchantment, but to make it a misdemeanor for a person to pretend to use these arts in the telling of fortunes or the discovery of stolen goods. Blackstone's *Com. Book IV*, Ch. IV, sec. VI, pp. 60-62 (star). This was the state of the law of Great Britain at the time of the Revolution.

The inquiry made by Kilty convinced him that the statute of James I had been in use in the province. He found and reported that it would appear by the commissions to the judges that they were to determine concerning *witchcraft*, burglary, felony, murder &c. and the charges to the grand juries were to the same effect, until a short period after the making of this statute of 9 George 2 (1736). The commission commanded the justices "to enquire by the oaths of good & lawful men of yor county aforesaid of all manner of felonys, Witchcrafts, Sorceries, Magic Arts, Tresspasses etc. against the Lawes &

Ordinances of our said Province." Kilty's conclusion to place the statutes among those found applicable but not proper to be incorporated has had universal acceptance. Chancellor Kilty's course was not prompted by his conviction that the residents of the province had displayed any toleration in their attitude toward what Blackstone called "this dubious crime," vol. 2, Part IV, Ch. IV, p. 61. For in classifying the statute of 29 Charles 2, Ch. 9, which did away with the writ *de heretico comburendo*, he wrote: "This statute cannot in strictness be said to have extended to the province, as the writ mentioned in the title was never used therein; but it was one that the courts might have adopted together with 1 Eliz. Ch. 1 (Heresy), if they had been found necessary. See the note on 9 Geo. 2, Ch. 5. And when we consider the violent animosities which prevailed between the different religious sects in the province, it is presumed that the court that would hang a witch, would not scruple to burn a heretic." P. 97.

The record upon which Kilty based the statement that a witch had been hung was believed to be lost. A recent search resulted in the finding of a small, ignored volume among the records of the Court of Appeals. A close inspection of the volume revealed the fact that it was one of the supposedly "lost" records of the Provincial Court, covering the period, 1682-1702. The first 121 pages contain the criminal proceedings of the Provincial Court from March 18, 1683 to August 20, 1686, and the succeeding pages from 122 to 168 are given exclusively to ejection cases in 1702.

After a century and a quarter of obscurity, a reading of the volumes gives in detail the prosecutions which were indicated by Kilty. The names of the principal actors are preserved in the records and the meetings of the provincial court, the production of the prisoners, the accusations and the judgments are so tersely and vividly stated that it seems best to use in the narrative the text of the original proceedings.

Rebecca Fowler was the first witch tried. The convening of court and her fate are recorded in these words:

“ At a provinciall Court held at the City of St. Maries the nine and twentieth day of September in the tenth yeare of the Dominion of the Rt. Hono^{ble} Charles Lord Baron of Baltemore anno Dei 1685 and there continued untill the twelfth day of October following on which said 29th day of September were present.

The hona ^{bles}	{	Thomas Tailer, Esq ^r Henry Darnall, Esq ^r William Digges, Esq ^r William Stevens, Esq ^r Nicholas Sewall, Esq ^r	}	Justices
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Then was the Grand Jury for the body of this province summoned impannelled and sworne whose names are as follows, viz:

Randolph Hinson	John Kirke
Richard Keene	Walter Lane
Hugh Hopewell, jun ^r	W ^m Blankenstein
John Atkey	Joseph Spernon
Thomas Ford	Richard Holland
Robert Cole	John Hinton
William Ferguson	William Harris
Samuel Wheeler	William Morris

Then was the charge given to the Grand Inquest and they withdrew to consider thereof.

The Sheriff of Somerset County in open Court turned over the body of Thomas Roe and Mary Jones to the Sheriffe of St. Maries County. * * *

The sheriffe of Calvert County turned over in open Court to the said Sheriffe of St. Maries County the bodyies of Richard Vanson, John Edwards, *Rebecca Fowler* and Joseph Tumbinton. This was on September 30, 1685.

The grand inquest presented and indicted *Rebecca Fowler* and the proceedings are thus recorded:

“ Maryland, SS.

The Jurors for the Rt. hono^{ble} Lord prop^{ty} of this province upon their oathes doe present Rebecca Fowler, the wife of John Fowler, late of Calvert County, planter, otherwise called Rebecca Fowler, late of Calvert County, spinster, for that she the said Rebecca Fowler the last day of August in the yeare of our Lord 1685 and at divers other dayes & times as well before & after having not the feare of God before her eyes but being led by the instigation of the Divell certaine evil & dyabolicall artes called witchcrafts, inchantments charmes, & sorceryes then wickedly, divelishly and feloniously at Mount Calvert Hundred & severall other places in Calvert County aforesaid of her malice forethought feloniously did use practice & exercise in upon & against one Francis Sandsbury, late of Calvert County aforesaid, Labourer and severall others psons of the said county whereby the said Francis Sandsbury & several others as aforesaid last day of August in the yeare aforesaid & severall other dayes & times as well before as after at Mount Calvert hundred and several other places in the said County in his & their bodyes were very much the worse, consumed, pined & lamed against the peace & ct. (etcetera) and against the forme of the statute in this case made and provided.

Burford, Attorney Generall.

On the back side of the foregoing presentment was endorsed by the Grand Jury—Billa Vera—Upon which presentment the said Rebecca Fowler was Endicted. Upon her Endictment arraigned and upon her arraignment pleaded not guilty and for her tryall put her selfe upon God & the Country, & Attorn^y Generall also. Command was therefore given to the Sheriffe of St. Maries County that he cause to come here twelve. & ct.

Now here at this day to-witt the second day of October Annoq Dni 1685 came the said Thomas Burford, Attorney General for the said Lord prop^{ty} and the said Rebecca Fowler was brought to the Barr and the jorors empannelled being called likewise come to-witt Randolph Brandt & Charles Egerton, James Yore,

Michaell Miller, Mathew Lewis, Edward Turner, John Taunt, Andrew Insley, Justinian Tennison, James Neale, Andrew Abbington & Abraham Rhoades, who being elected, tryed and sworne to say the truth in the premises doe say and deliver in writing to the Court the verdict following vizt. Wee find that Rebecca Fowler is guilty of the matters of fact charged in the indictment against her and if the Court find the matters containd in the Endictment make her Guilty of witchcraft, charmes and sorceries &ct. then they find her guilty. And if the Court find those matters contained in the indictment doe not make her guilty of witchcraft, charmes sorceries & ct then they find her not guilty whereupon judg^{mt} is respited untill the Court further advises themselves upon the premises. Afterwards, to-witt the Third day of October, 1685, aforesaid came againe the said Attorney Generall for the said Lord Prop^{ty} and the said Rebecca Fowler was againe brought to the barr and the Court having advised themselves of & upon the premises It is considered by the Court that the said Rebecca Fowler be hanged by the neck untill she be dead which was performed the ninth day of October afores'd." Judgment Records of Provincial Court, Liber T. G. (2) 1682-1702, pp. 23, 25, 34.

The next case was that of Hannah Edwards. She was tried:

"Att a Provinciall Court held at the City of St. Marys the twenty-seventh day of Aprill in the eleventh year of the Dominion of the Right hon^rble Charles Lord Baron of Baltemore & ct. Annoq Dni 1686; and then continued untill the Tenth day of May then following Att which said seventh day of May were present.

The Hon ^{ble}	}	Vincent Lowe, Esq ^r	} Justices
		Henry Darnall, Esq ^r	
		William Digges, Esq ^r	
		William Burges, Esq ^r	
		Nicholas Sewall, Esq ^r	
		Clement Hill, Esq ^r	

Then was the Grand Inquest for the body of this Province

Impannelled, sumoned & sworn whose names were as followeth, vizt:

Edward English, foreman	William Turner	Jacob Harriss
James Phillips	Thomas Smithson	Benjamin Williams
Samuel Cooksey	Benj ⁿ Priestly	William Yorke
John Watson	James Collyer	Thomas Joee
William Aisquith	Cornelius Comegys	Walter Woolverstone
		Ebenezer Blackiston

Then was the charge given to the Grand Inquest and they withdrew to consider thereof."

The sheriffs of the various counties delivered their prisoners to the sheriff of Saint Mary's County, and the first of the entries in this procedure in reference to Hannah Edwards is thus set forth:

"Sheriffe of Calvert County turned over in open Court to the Sheriffe of St. Marys County the bodyes of *Hannah Edwards* Dorcas Rodgers John Harper & Elizabeth Serjeant." After the court had transacted some of its business, the grand jurors, on April 29th, 1686, brought in an indictment against Hannah Edwards in these words:

"Maryland, SS. The Jurors for the Right hon^{ble} the Lord prop^{ty} of this Province upon their Oathes doe present Hannah Edwards, the wife of Richard Edwards, late of Calvert County, Planter, otherwise Hannah Edwards of Calvert County spinster for that she the said Hannah Edwards the sixth day of February in the year of our Lord 1685 and at divers other days and times as well before and after, having not the fear of God before her eyes but being lead by the instigacon of the Devill certain evil and diabollicall arts called witchcrafts, inchantments, charmes and sorceryes, wickedly, divilishly and feloniously at Mount Calvert Hundred and several other places in Calvert County aforesaid of her malice forethought feloniously did use practice and exercise in, upon and against one Ruth Hutchinson, late of Calvert County afore-

said and severall other persons of the said County whereby the said Ruth and severall others as aforesaid the sayd sixth day of February, in the year aforesaid and several other days and times as well before as after at Mount Calvert hundred, and several other places in the said County in and upon their bodyes were very much the worse consumed, pined and wasted against the peace &c and against the form of the Statute in this case made and provided &c.

On the backside of the aforegoing presentment was endorsed by the Grand Inquest—*Billa Vera*—Upon which Indictment the aforesaid Hanah Edwards was Indicted upon her Indictment was arraigned and upon her arraignment pleaded not guilty and for her tryall putt herself upon God and the Country and the said Thomas Burford, Attorney Generall for the said Lord, Prop^{ty} also. Therefore it is commanded Sheriff of St. Marye's County that he cause to come here twelve &c.

Now here at this day to witt the Thirtyeth day of Aprill in the Eleaventh year of his Lor's Dominion &c Anno Dni 1686 came Thomas Burford, Attorney Generall aforesaid and the said Hannah Edwards sett to the Barr And the Jurors empannelled likewise came to witt Richard Smith, Andrew Abington, Walter Lane, James Neale, John Atky, Thomas Truxton, John Allin, John Woodward, Moses Jones, Robert Benson, Thomas Price and Thomas Cooke, who being thereto tryed and sworne to say the truth in the premises does say upon their oath that the said Hannah Edwards is not Guilty of the Endictment aforesaid or the witchcraft whereof she standes indicted. Judgment Records of Provincial Court, Liber T. G. (2) 1682-1702, pp. 47, 49, 50.

The third case mentioned by Kilty is that of Virtue Violl. The Provincial Court met at Annapolis, the new capital of the Province, on October 5, 1712, with Thomas Smithson, one of the justices presiding with Thomas Gassaway, Sheriff, in attendance. After the calling of Court, Jo Beale, Robert Bradley and Samuel Young, Justices of same Court, took their seats. Then, quoting the record:

“Foster Turbutt, Sheriff of Talbott County brings into Court the body of *Virtue Violl* and thereupon she is committed into the custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County there to remaine until caled.

Proclamation being made according to Comon forme and the severall sheriffs of the respective countys having made return of their severall pannells of the Grand Jurors they are called and appear as follows vizt.

	John Bozman, foreman	
Jno. Taney	Henry Austin	Thos. Taylor
Notley Maddox	Philemon Armstrong	Patrick Dunkin
Edward Veazey	Ubgate Reeves	Thos. Tolley
Wm. Denton	Joseph Harrison	Thomas Thackstone
Arnold Elzey	Wm. Sweatnam	Wm. Gray
Wm. Willoughby	James Kecch	Jon ^a Back
Wm. Stevens	Joshua Cccill	Thomas Price
James Monat.	Paul Busey	

who being sworn in common forme and charged and sent out to consider &c in short time after Return and deliver to the Court here the following bills, vizt.

Virtue Violl, Thomas Macnemara, Priscilla Bruin and Negroe Hanniball and Eliz^a Taylor and are content that the Court shall amend forme altering no matter of substance in the afsd bills by them found, and thereupon the said Grand Jurors are Discharged and allowed for their service this Court the sume of three thousand pounds of tobacco to be paid by the publick &c. * * *

Her Majesty	} Maryland	The Jurors for our Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is of Great Brittain &c To-witt	
v.			Ss.
Virtue Violl			

Jno. Bozman, John Taney,
Notley Maddox, Edward Veazey, Wm. Denton, Arnold Elzey,
Wm. Willoughby, Wm. Stevens, James Monat, Henry Austin,
Philemon Armstrong, Ubgate Reeves, Joseph Harrison, Wm.

Sweatnam, James Keech, Joshua Cecill, Paul Bussey, Tho^s Taylor, Patrick Dunkin, Thos. Tolly, Thomas Thackstone, Wm. Gray, Jon^a Back and Thos. Price, good and lawfull men elected, tryed and sworn to speak the truth upon their oath do present that Virtue Violl of Talbott County spinster otherwise called Virtue Violl of the sd. County of Talbott spinster the nineteenth day of August in the eleventh year of the reigne of our said Lady the Queen that now is of Great Brittain etc. at Talbot County, afd. the fear of God before her eyes not having but being Seduced by the devil most wickedly, & diabollically did use practice & exercise witchcraft whereby & wherewith she did waste, consume and pine the body of a certaine Ellianor Moore of the afd. County spinster then & there in the peace of God and our said Lady the Queen being with such her most wicked and Diabollicall use practice & exercise of witchcraft the Tongue of the said Elinor Moore did then and there and at divers times before within the County lame & render speechless to the great displeasure of Almighty God & agst her maj^{ty}s peace and the forme of the statute in that case made and provided. W. Bladen Att Gen^l who followeth for our Lady the Queen.

Wienesses Elinor Moore, Capt. Jno. Needles, Mrs. Needles, Robt. Jadwin, Saml Hatton, Thos. Silvester.

On the back of the foregoing indictment was thus endorst, Vizt.

Billa Vera Jno. Bozman, foreman. Thereupon command was given to the Sher^{ff} of Ann Arund^{ll} County to sett the said Virtue Violl, the prisoner at the Barr of the Court who thereupon appeared and being presently demanded how she would acquitt herself of the premises above imposed upon her saith that she is not in anywise guilty thereof and thereof for tryall put herself upon God and her County (and Wm. Bladen her maj^{ty}s said Attorney Gen^{al} who for her said maj^{ty} in this behalf prosecuteth says she is guilty & prays it may be inquired into by the country likewise) Thereupon Command is given the Sh^{ff} of Ann arund^{ll} County that he imediately cause to

come here twelve &c by whome &c who unto &c to recognize &c because as well &c of which said precept the said Shff to witt Thomas Gassaway, Gent. makes return that he has here ready twelve &c as by his precept he was commanded, to witt: Daniel Sherwood, Henry Sewall, W^m Veazey, Thomas Cox, Roger Laddemore, Thos. Johnson, Jonn Lanham, Phillip Kersey, Sallandine Eagle, Jno. Houkin, Marmaduke Goodhand and Charles Jones who being duly elected, tryed & sworn to well & truly try and true deliverance make between our Sovereigne Lady the Queen & the said Virtue Violl, prisoner at the barr, according to their evidence upon their oaths do say that the said Virtue Violl is not guilty of the matter whereof she stands indicted whereupon it is considered by the justices here this seventh day of Octobr^r Anno Dom. 1712 that the sd. Virtue Violl of the Indictment & premises afd. be acquitt and that she go thereof without day &c and thereupon the sd. Virtue Violl at her prayer was discharged by proclⁿ made in usual form paying fees. Judgments of Provincial Court, Liber T. P. 1711-1712, pp. 576, 582.

In leaning to mercy's side in their verdict, in this trial, the jury may have held with the conclusion which Addison had expressed a year before in the Spectator: "I believe in general that there is and has been such a thing as Witchcraft; but at the same time can give no Credit to any Particular Instance of it." Vol. 2, No. 117.

While other prosecutions may await discovery, there are but these five instances known to the writer of criminal proceedings in Maryland looking to the punishment of persons charged with witchcraft. The first four of these are within the period from 1665 to 1686, and the fifth was in 1712, after an interval of over a quarter of a century. In the first case, the accused, Elizabeth Bennett, was not presented; and two others, Hannah Edwards and Virtue Violl, were indicted, tried and acquitted. Of the last two named, Hannah Edwards, a married woman, and Virtue Violl, a spinster, were charged with having practised their black arts upon women whose bodies they were said to have caused to be wasted, consumed and pined.

The evil inflicted upon Ruth Hutchinson was alleged to be general in its pernicious effect upon her body but, in the case of Ellianor Moore, the mischief inflicted was that her tongue had been rendered "lame and speechless."

It does not appear in what manner Elizabeth Goodale's body was bewitched by John Cowman. In the indictment against Rebecca Fowler it is alleged that her victim, Francis Sandbury, had been made in his body worse, consumed, pined and lamed. These were the characteristic results of witchcraft or fascination, as it was sometimes anciently called.

The statute of James I imposed the penalty of death when the victim was "Killed, destroyed, wasted, consumed, pined or lamed in his or her body, or any part thereof." The effects of an exercise of the art are stated in the alternative, and the penalty of death is imposed when any one of the named consequences happened. If death followed, it was the practice to allege this result, although in many cases the indictments, after charging the person to have been wasted, consumed and pined in body, added the words "yet still is," in order, probably, to negative the inference of death ensuing. The addition in the Fowler prosecution of the word "lamed," would clearly imply that the laborer had been made lame by the baleful art of the wife of the planter.

Of those accused and tried but one was a man, and he, John Cowman, was found guilty and sentenced, but escaped death by an ignominious reprieve. The others were women and the execution of one of these is apparently the single instance of the infliction of the death penalty in the performance of a judicial sentence. It would seem that not only in England but also in the province the statutes, in the words of Blackstone, continued in force "to the terror of all ancient females in the kingdom." Book IV, ch. IV, p. 61. *The Spectator*, Vol. II, No. 117 (Addison).

The localities in which the accused lived cannot be given with certainty. The first two, Elizabeth Bennett and John Cowman, were apparently of Saint Mary's County. The charge against Virtue Violl was laid in Talbott County, where the

tradition persists that, at a later period, a witch had lived in the neighborhood of Plain dealing Creek, a northern tributary of Tred Avon River. *The Land of Legendary Lore* (1898), Ingraham, 93.

The names of the victim, and of the witnesses endorsed on the presentment afford some basis for the conjecture that *Virtue Violl* had lived in the same section of the county.

The indictments against *Rebecca Fowler* and *Hannah Edwards* are more definite as to place and fix the scene of the crimes in *Mount Calvert Hundred*, whose location is definitely known from the circumstance that the origin of the Hundred was in a tract of land containing 1000 acres and called "*Mount Calvert*" having been granted by patent to *Philip Calvert* on February 17th, 1658, as a Manor with Court Baron etc. The tract is on the west side of the *Patuxent River* "in the freshes near the dividing line of the said River" and lies south of *Calvert Branch* (now *Western Branch*) at the confluence of the Branch with the River. At this juncture was "*Pig Point*," which, with a view to the advancement of trade, was made in 1685, a port of entry and export, along with four other ports in *Calvert County*. In the legislation the port is explicitly stated to be "*Att pigg Pointe upon Mount Colverte Mannor in Patuxent River.*" *Proceedings and Acts of the Assembly*, *Archives*, 1678-1683, pp. 540, 541, 1684-1692, pp. 111-120.

The narrator has not been able to find any other proceedings among the records of the provincial court, but, in the search, some other information was obtained which relates more to the civil remedies in force in the county courts. An action for defamation that was founded in an accusation of witchcraft was not rare but, as was remarked by *Sir Frederick Pollock*, when writing of chancery suits in the 14th and 15 centuries,

"There is, however, one rather curious head of jurisdiction of which I have found no mention in text books. It was not very uncommon to apply to the chancellor for an injunction to restrain the defendant from practising witchcraft against the plaintiff, or, it might be, from making false charges of witch-

craft against him." *Essays in the Law* (1922), p. 191. Holdsworth's *History of English Law*, vol. V, pp. 289-290.

It would seem that the types of cases mentioned by Pollock and Holdsworth have their counterpart in the proceedings of at least two of the county courts. One instance is found in Charles county and there the alleged witch is seen seeking to prevent others from falsely charging her with witchcraft. The second is an appeal by the victim to the county court of Anne Arundel county for protection against a witch. The earlier proceedings will be first stated.

The writer is indebted to Dr. J. Hall Pleasants, the present accomplished editor of the *Archives of Maryland*, for the facts, and the opportunity to read the records which are now in the course of printing, in respect of the actions at law brought in 1661 by one Joan Michell, who charged that traducers had called her a witch. From the record of the proceedings of the Court of Charles County, 1658-1662, it will appear that four actions of slander were brought. The first was against Francis Doughty (ie), then the rector of the Church of England parish, who later went to Virginia and became the rector of Rappahannock Parish; the second, against his son, Enoch Doughtie; the third, against James Walker and a fourth against Miss Long. Three of the actions failed because of insufficiency of plaintiff's proof, and the first was not prosecuted.

As a preface to the relation of the law suits, it should be said that Joan Michel had for some while been dreaded because of the belief in her use of the black art. It appeared that several years before the action she had sought to vindicate her character through the effort, it may be inferred, of her husband. For on November 14, 1659, Thomas Michel appeared before a session of the justices of the county court of Charles County. He was indignant and the record is that he "desiereth that Mr. Thomas Lomax and Elizabeth Atwicks might have their oaths given them concerning the abusful reproaches offered unto his wife by M^{is} Hathe." The parties named were brought into court and examined severally under oath. Their depositions

were so similar that but one will be quoted: "Thomas Lomax sworne & examined in open Court sayeth, that goodie Michel asking M^{is} Hatche how She did M^{is} Hatche replied that she thaught she had bewitched her face whereupon goodie Mitchell asked her if She wear in earnest or no and She replied Shee was for shee endureth abundance of Miserie by the soarnes of her mouth and did verilie beleeve that shee was bewitched whearupon thear ware diuers other circumstances past betweene the too parties which this deponent can not at present call to remembrance onlie goodie michell tould her She woold Arest her to the Court about it; and M^{is} Hatche Replied that she thaught she durst not but if she durst she woold endeauor to make it appear so or els she woold acknowledge she had wronged her in open Court & bee liable to their censuir & further this deponant at present remembereth not." *Infra.* pp. 54, 55. The matter then dropped out of the records until almost two years later when the action were begun. A declaration and some testimony will be quoted, since they give a vivid glimpse of the belief and life of the community and of the legal procedure:

<p>"Joan Michell Plantiue Francis Doughtie Minister Defendant</p>	}	<p>The Plantiue Aresting the Defendant in an Action of Defamation Prefereth her Petition as followeth</p>
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To the Worshipfull Commissioner of Charleses Countie
The humble Petition of Joan Michell your Poor Petitioner as followeth.

Whereas your Poor Petitioner is most shamfully and her good name taken away from her shee doath desire that shee may bee righted and that shee may bee searched by able woemen whether she bee such a person or no which thos persons say I am and if I bee found to bee such a one I may bee punished by law or els to bee Cleared by Proclamation and that the worshipfull bench would tak it into ther serious Consideration how that I am Abused and my good name taken from mee without disart and I most humbly desire your worships that I may haue the law

against them and I your poore petitioner shall bee bound to pray for you and yours

I desire th^t Mr Francis Doughty may bring thos Persons to light that haue rayseed this schandalous reports of mee for hee sayd that I salluted a woman at Church and her teeth fell a Aking as if shee had bin mad and I desired him to tell mee who had rayseed this report of mee and hee woold not and so from one to an other my good name is taken away that I Cannot bee at quiet for them for it is all their delight and table talke how to doe mee a mischief beeing a poore distressed widow but my trust is in God that hee will plead my Case for mee and will neuer suffer the poor and innocent to perish by the hands of their Enemies for of a sunday as I was going to Church with too of Capt: Fendalls folks Mr Walkers man hurled stones at mee as I was going along and so hid himself again which for any thing that I know his master might set him on to Mischeffe mee and hee himself wrongs mee by word and I your petitioner shall bee euer bound to pray for you. * * *

“ M^{is} Ane Cage sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that Mr Enock Doughtie Called unto goodie Michell and sayed goodie Michel goodie Michell are not you the woman that swom ouer unto Mr Pillses sometime in June last past and further sayeth not.”

“ Richard Tarlin aged 25 years or thearabouts sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that M^{is} Long did say that the hene and Chickings she had of goodie Michell that the Chickings thearof did die in such a strang manner that she thaught sum old witch or other had bewitched them and further sayeth not which was also affirmed and no mor by the sayd Tarlins wife sworn in open Court.”

Francis Ferenla sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that Richard Tarlin did say that M^{is} Long did say that goodie michell did giue her a hen and Chickings but shee thaught shee had forespoke them and further sayeth not. (“forspoke” meant here bewitched.) Advance sheets: *Md. Archives*, Charles

County Court Proceedings, 1658-1662, pp. 139, 142-143, 145, 155-156.

Turning now to the proceedings in Anne Arundel county, it will be learned that a certain Charles Killburn, on January 15, 1702, addressed to the justices of Anne Arundel County Court his petition in which he described himself as being "in a very languishing condition" because of the witchcraft practiced upon him by one Katherine Prout. He represented that oftentimes having been in the way of recovery he had met Katherine and she as frequently had abused and threatened him "wishing withal," as he averred, "that he might languish to death and never recover his health which by your petitioner's unhappy state at present he imagines is the sad effects of her execrable wishes." The petitioner, therefore, prayed that he be examined by the justices concerning his condition and its cause verified; craved "some Tryall may be made on her" as to the justices should seem meet.

Upon a reading of the petition, the court passed an order directing that Capt. Lawrence Draper and Mr. Josiah Towgood take the deposition of the petitioner in writing, and return it immediately for the court's action. The court then sent for Katherine Prout to answer the premises. She appeared in person and proved refractory. After noting her presence, the entry continued: "and, for her misbehaviour in her Saucy Language and abusing this Court, is fined one hundred pounds of Tobbacco."

The two commissioners returned the deposition of Charles Killburn, the petitioner, on the same day they were named. It was in this form:

"The deposition of Charles Killburn aged about fourty years taken this 15th day of Jan^{ry} Anno. 1702.

Your deponent saith ever since the last September he hath not been well and do think that it is occasioned by the within Katherine Prout, and that to the best of his Knowledge he is bewitched by the sd. Katherine and is not well above 3 or 4

days together and further saith not. Taken before us Lawrence Draper, Josiah Towgood.

The within petitioner prays that Charles Chissell, Jno. Newsam, Mr. Beards Servant Woman, Daniel Camim & wife and Sr. Thomas Laurence's man may be all sumoned to informe the Court what they know." The record then proceeds with this final minute:

"Which evidence being summoned, sworne & examined in open court do declare nothing in respect to the Justification of the petition and deposition of the sd. Charles Kilburne thereupon the said Katherine Prout is discharged from the same, paying her fees."

The matter, however, was not at an end. Two months later Kilburne brought an action for slander against Katherine Prout for calling him "a rogue" and a "foresworn rogue" with the meaning that he had committed perjury. In this second effort, Kilburne won a nominal victory as his damages were but six pence, although the costs were heavy as they were expressed in terms of 1101 lbs. of tobacco.

Nothing daunted, Katherine, in turn, sued Kate Quillin for slander. The declaration set forth the utterance of two defamatory remarks. The first was that Kate Quillin called the plaintiff "Dame Ye" meaning thereby that she was an old witch. The inversion of the words carried the imputation of witchcraft, since its devotees did or said nothing in its natural order. The second slander was that Katherine Prout had stolen molasses and "New England Capons" from a cellar in Annapolis. The declaration informed the court that "New England capons" were not fowl but mackerel. The plaintiff recovered three pounds damages, and the legal strife of the two Kates was at an end.

The instances brought to light in the records of Charles and Anne Arundel County afford basis for the expectation that the other records before 1736 of these two counties and those which remain of the other counties, Kent (1640), Baltimore (1659),

Talbot (1661), Somerset (1666), Dorchester (1668), Prince George's (1695), Queen Anne (1706), may contain interesting information with reference to litigation growing out of the practice or pretense of witchcraft. The counties of St. Mary's (1638) and Calvert (1654), have had their ancient records unfortunately consumed by fire.

The records extant are, however, sufficient to establish that with reference to witchcraft the law and procedure were directed to the prevention of either the exercise or the imputation of witchcraft; to the compensation of one wronged by its use or by a false accusation of its art; and of the punishment of the crime.

While the belief may not be indulged that this paper has embraced all the prosecutions to be found in the records of the provincial and general courts, it may be said that published volumes of the Archives of Maryland cover the proceedings of the provincial court and general court from 1634 to 1666; of the court of chancery, 1669-1679; of the council, 1636-1770; of the general assembly, 1637-1756; and that there is a general index of the records of the provincial court extending from 1654 to 1778. These have been examined with care but not with that degree of thoroughness which would preclude a mistake. The records of the county courts would probably not furnish a case of a criminal trial under the statute, since witchcraft was a major offence, and its prosecution was within the jurisdiction of the provincial or general court.

A review of the judicial and historical material now available does not indicate that there ever was a period of maniacal prosecution. The only instances which bear any relation in time and place are those against Rebecca Fowler and Hannah Edwards. One of these was convicted and the other was acquitted, although on the jury which freed Hannah Edwards were two of the sixteen grand jurors who had presented Rebecca Fowler, and two of the petit jurors, who had convicted her. It is a hard matter for a man to weigh, reason and decide on the evidence

against common opinion. In view of the almost universal belief of the times in witchcraft and its malign consequences, the statute would seem to have been enforced with moderation and restraint. While the record of a single execution is to be deplored, yet the law exacted it. The minutes of the proceedings show an orderly trial and due deliberation in the imposition of the sentence. The single execution of the penalty of death during the century in which the statute was in effect must remain a cherished testimony of tolerance,—a tolerance which, in respect of witches, would “rather have appointed them Helleborum than Hemlocke.”

LETTERS OF CHARLES CARROLL, BARRISTER.

Everyone who has read even slightly the history of Maryland during the American Revolution knows that Charles Carroll, Barrister, was one of the most trusted and active leaders of the patriotic party. Indeed his services were scarcely less important than those of Charles Carroll of Carrollton with whom he is now often, as he was then sometimes, confused. But though the public records are full of references indicating his prominence in the patriotic cause little or nothing is known about the man himself. It is now possible not only to supply information about this distinguished Maryland leader but also to cast a flood of light on many aspects of life in Maryland during the period immediately preceding the Revolution.

Some years ago Mr. Alexander Preston first loaned and then presented to the Maryland Historical Society three letter-books in which Dr. Charles Carroll and his son, the Barrister, kept copies of their business correspondence. That of the son occupies a little more than half of the third volume and took place between 1755 and 1769. The letters of Dr. Carroll have already been published in the MARYLAND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. Beginning with this issue all the letters of Charles Carroll, Barrister, will be printed.

When, in August 1755, the Barrister assumed the burden of managing the affairs of his sick father he had just returned from his second period of study in England. The first had lasted from 1734 to 1746 when he had gone to school, first in Portugal, then in England where he ultimately attended Cambridge University. The second had begun in 1751 when young Carroll went again to England to read law in the Temple. Four years later he returned to Maryland to find his father ill with a disease that was to prove fatal several months later. Thus at the age of 32 the Barrister, as the only living child, succeeded to the large estate Dr. Carroll had accumulated.

The letters which show how Charles Carroll, Barrister, managed his large and varied properties are a veritable mine of rich ore for the economic history of Maryland. Most of the letters written to American correspondents concern the land which Carroll owned or wished to acquire. As with nearly all prosperous colonials a large proportion of his wealth was invested in land, although he was not so active in real estate speculation as his father had been. His chief economic interest, however, was the iron industry and the major portion of this correspondence is to various English merchants who sold the iron for him in England, acted as his bankers and generally as his business agents. When the history of the important iron industry in Maryland is written, and it is perhaps the most neglected subject in the history of colonial Maryland, these letters with those of his father will prove invaluable. Yet more than the iron business is involved. Significant facts are revealed concerning colonial commerce, shipbuilding and shipping, insurance rates and procedure, the effects of the Seven Years War on colonial commerce, and technical financial practices.

Others beside those interested in the economic life of colonial Maryland will find these letters a rich banquet. The British merchants not only tended to the business affairs of Carroll but also to his private purchases. Regularly long lists of articles to be bought were sent to England. From them it is possible to reconstruct much of the domestic life of this patrician Maryland family. Here can be found the kind of clothes ladies wore and what they cost, the prevailing fashion in furniture, the manner in which building materials were secured, the difficulties in obtaining shrubs and fruit trees for gardens, the medicines used. Particularly valuable are the lists of books ordered, since from them an insight into the

intellectual currents of the time can be gained. Indeed there is scarcely a phase of social life on which some data are not included.

W. STULL HOLT.

Aug^t 15th 1755

Sir/

My ffather long since expected you'd have been so kind as to have returned the Survey called the Stage being upon a Special Warr^t on the Proclamation he has been at great Charge in Expense in Building & otherwise upon that Land He has had great Hopes from your Integrity that he will not be disappointed therein for want of your not returning the Certificate. M^r Uncles told him lately that he had done all in his power to rectifie it But if there is anything necessary if you will send y^r Deputy to Uncles he will still do anything further to perfect that matter my ffather has common Warr^{ts} Suff^t in the office which he reserves to Compound for that I hope to have a Line from you in Relation to this affair and that no Time may be lost therein

Y^r ffav^r herein will very much oblige

Sir
Y^{rs} C. C.

To M^r Isaac Brookes
Surv^r off ffred^k County at the
House of M^r Beals near Bladensburg—

Annapolis Aug^t 26. 1755

Gent.

I Take this 1st opportunity after My Arrivall of Returning you Thanks for Y^r Great Civilities to Me while with you and of sincerely assuring you of my Best Endeavours in any thing wherein I Can be Serviceable to you in this Part of the world. I send you Inclosed a Cert. Relating to the 20 Ton of Pigg Iron Shipped in the Chapman Jn^o Dare Master in 1744 on w^{ch} the Dutes was Paid Thro omission of sending ore with the Iron I

suppose as this will make it Plainly appear to be Plantation Iron it may be Recovered & Hope for y^r assistance. My Fathers Ship is called the Mermaid Capt. Nathan^l Chew Master I thought Proper to Mention this as we did not know her name when the Insurance was made. Tob^o Extremely scarce. I shall write to you fully by Chew. My Father is very weak and Low or would himself have wrote Desire his Compliments to you I sincerely wish you and all Y^{rs} (To whom Pray my Compliments) all Health I am

Gent

Y^r H^{ble} Sr

To Mess^{rs} Jn^o Hanburry &
Merchants in London

C. Carroll J^r

Sir

According to your desire I send you a Copy of the Courses of James flatt resurveyed for Joseph Murray from the original Certificates also the Courses of the Stage as they regard the original Survey as reed from M^r Uncles with those of the Lands Contiguous I shall be obliged if you think you can meet with a good safe and convenient opportunity for the inclosed Letter that you would keep it to send as Directed If not please to return it by the bearer I am

Sir

Y^r M^o H^{ble} Serv^tAnnapolis Aug^t 30th 1755C. C. Jun^r

To M^r Isaac Brooke
at M^r Beals Near Bladensburg

Sir

If you have any occasion for ffreight I hope the Terms of the inclosed advertisements may be suitable & agreeable to you shall be obliged if opportunity offers that you will Disperse them I am

Sir

Y^r h^{ble} Serv^t

C. C.

Sir

If you Please to Take out in My Fathers Name Sp^l War^t to Resurvey the two fol^l Tracts of Land Both in Fred^k Co^{ty} Bear Den 355 Ac^{ts} Patented to My Fa^{thr} Jan^{ry} 30th 1750 & Earnests Choice Patented to Him May 10th 1751 & will Draw the Necessary & Con^d Petitions for the same I will satisfy you & yo^r oblige S^r

Y^r &c. C. C. J^r

Sept. 12. 1755

To M^r Thos. Jenning Clk of Land Office

Annapolis Sept^r 21st 1755

Sir

My ffather has a Bill of M^r Ballandines for £50 Protested which with the Charges by the Laws of this province amounts to £57..14..3 I fear it will be impossible notwithstanding his repeated promises without some compulsory method to induce him to take it up on Information that you were jointly concerned with him in the Business he carrys and the property he has in this province I have delayed proceeding as directed from a great unwillingness to do any thing that might effect your Interest and from Hopes you could on being apprised persuade that Gentleman to act consistently with the Rules of Justice & Honour I shall be extremely obliged by your mediation in this Affair as it may relieve me from the Disagreeable Necessity of taking any Step that may interfere with your Business If I can in return be of any Service to you here hope you will command

Sir

To Coll John Tayloe
at Richmond on Rapahanock
River—Virginia

Y^{rs} &c

C. C. Jun^r

Annapolis Sept^t 23^d 1755

Sir

According to my Promise to you I send you an Assignment of 350 Act^s of Warr^t out of a Warrant now sent down to the Surv^r Mr Brooke I have endorsed amount of the Assignment on the said Warrant Please to deliver the Bond for the same to M^r Dorsey

My ffather has sent down to the Surv^r a Special Warr^t to Resurvey Bear Den He desired me to apply to you for your Assistance therein as you know the Land to take in the old ffield and Land over the Branch towards M^r Digges Land for the Qty of about 200 ac. or 300 as you find good to the West of the main road along Bear Den adjoining thereto The Tree of Bear Den is up the Branch about a Quarter of a mile above [where] John Chalmers lived You must [take] the Surv^r or his suff^t Dep^{ty} along with you I understand there is a Spring in or near the old ffield which I would have included If this don't interfere with your other Business I would have it done immediately and I will satisfie you for any Trouble or Charge you are at I am

If M^r Brooke should not be at
Court M^r Dorsey will deliver the
Letter to him with the Warrant
inclosed w^{ch} please to give M^r Brooke
To Coll^o Nath^l Wickham
of ffrederick County

Sir
Y^{rs} &^c
C. C. Jun^r

Annapolis Sept^r 23^d 1755

Sir/

I send you common Warr^t for 1340 ac^r to remain in your Hands till wanted 350 ac^r of it as you'll see by the Endorsement are Assigned to Coll^o Wickham. Also Special Warr^t to Resurvey the two following Tracts of Land Earnests Choice & Bear Den The Clk of the Land office tells me you had returned to you the two following Warrants one Dated June 11th 1751 for 700 ac. the other June 15th 1752 for 1500 shall be glad to

know if you have them what is due on each and if necessary that you would send them and what others of my ffathers you have in your Hands to be renewed. Shall be obliged if you'll let me have a Line in Relation to the Stage and the Cert. I returned you by Mr Ross's Directions to have the Improvements inserted I am

To Mr Isaac Brooke
Surv^r of frederick County
p^r Mr Beal Sherf—

Sir
Y^{rs} &c.
C. C. J^r

Maryland Oct^r 20th 1755

Gent/

My affairs absolutely Requiring it I have of this Date Drawn a set of Bills on you Payable to Mr Rich^d Croxall or order for Eight Pounds w^h Please to Pay and Charge to me and I have Rec^d y^r Letter by Capt. Montgomery in Relation to further Insurance of her & approve hereof He will sail in about a Fortnight

I am Gent Y^{rs} &c

C. C.

To Mess^{rs} John Hanbury & Co.

Merch^{ts} in London

Copy with Bill &  Capt Dare South River

Maryland Oct^r 24th 1755

Gent/

I have of this Date Drawn on you a set of Bills Payable To Mr Henry Callister or order for Twenty four Pounds and 3/4^d a set likewise to the same Person on the 22^d Inst. for Eleven Pounds & Six Pence we shall be obliged if youl Pay and Charge to the Acc^t of Gent—

Y^r Mo H^{ble}

C. C.

Copy with Bills & p^r Cap^t Dare

South River

To Mess^{rs} John Hanbury & C^o Merch^{ts} in London

Maryland Oct^r 25th 1755

Gent/

I have of this Date Drawn on you a set of Bills Payable to Sam^l Beal or Order for Twenty five Pounds & I hope you will Pay accordingly I have been obliged by my Business to Draw these before Chews Sailing but Hope their will not occasion any Backwardness in the Discharge of Them

I am &c C. C.

To Mess^{rs} John Hanbury & Co.Merch^{ts} in London☞ Cap^{tn} Dare, South River

Invoice of Sundry Goods sent inclosed in a Letter to Mess^{rs} John Hanbury & Co. Merchants in London Dated Nov^r 1755 viz—

3 Ells ozn ^{rs} @	7½ ^d	} p Ell	} All as good as can be had for them Sums or thereabouts—
2 p ^s Chex @	10 ^d		
1 p ^s D ^o	1/		
1 p ^s D ^o	1/2		
1 p ^s Doulass	25	} p y ^d	
1 p ^s Irish Lin ⁿ	2/6		
1 p ^s Bro ⁿ Holl ^d	1/2		
1 p ^s Land Sheet ^g	1/4		
4 p ^s Coarse Garlix			
4 p ^s Coarse Doulass			
1 p ^s Bag Sacking			
1 p ^s Bed ticking			
1 p ^s Duffel Coating @ ab ^t 3/ p y ^d			
1 p ^s Duffel Coating @ ab ^t 3/ p y ^d			
1 p ^s Shalloon Butt ^{ns} & Mohair for same			
1 p ^s Devonshire Kersey @ ab ^t 3/4 p y ^d			
1 p ^s Shalloon Butt ^{ns} & Mohair for same			
3 p ^s Kendal Cotten best			
1 p ^s Match Coating			
1 p ^s ffearnought			
1 p ^s German Serge			
1 p ^s Buckram			
4 ^{lb} Cottenwick			

- 1 best flanders 8/4 Bed tick
 1 fflagot English Steel
 2 Doz : Butchers }
 2 Doz. Clasp } Knives
 25 Sail Needles
 1 Doz. Coarse Hair Sieves
 3 Hair Brooms
 3 Mops
 3 Scrubbing Brushes
 1 Doz. wooll Cards
 1 Gross Kniting needles
 2 Doz : common Shoe Buckles
 1 plain walnut fframe Looking Glass
 1 Brass parrellel ruler
 6 Loaves single refined Sugar
 6^{lb} Salt petre
 20^{lb} Ginger
 6^{lb} Rock Indigo
 1 Doz. Sorted Grindstones
 20 Gross Hunting pipes
 2 doz. Ivory Combs
 1 Doz sorted pewter Dishes
 12^{lb} Whited Brown th^d
 2 Doz. p^s sorted Tape
 2 Doz. p^s Gartring
 4 Doz. single worsted Caps
 1^{lb} Nuno sorted thread
 2 Doz. Cotton Laces
 1 Doz. Silk D^o
 20^{lb} Sail Twine
 20 bu Calking pins
 2 Doz. large tin pans
 2 Doz. Smaller D^o
 2 Doz. quart tin same pans.

Invoice of Goods for myself viz—

- 3 Reams writing paper 1 @ 7/6. 1 @ 10/. 1 @ 12/6 Cutt

2 p^s ozn^s 1 @ 6^d 1/2 1 @ 8^d

Loaves

Sugar

3 Doz. Caps 2 Single & 1 Double worsted

Nails 20 tn 10^d 14^{lb} to the tn 1 m 20^d Brads for flooring in
one Cask

Doulass 2 p^s @ £1..2..6 p p^s

Sir John Stranges Reports

Instruction for Nathaniel Chew Commander of the Ship
Mermaid on her Voyage from Maryland to London viz—

Sir

You must proceed directly with the Ship Mermaid Down
the Bay and from the Capes make the best of your way for
the port of London Keep your Course to your part as to En-
deavour to fall in with the English Channel and to make the
Lizard or Short Points on the English Shore Keep as Clear
as you possibly Can of the Shore of France. In your voyage
you are not to Speak with any Ship or Vessel but in Case of
Distress Keep out of Sight of the Western Islands, when you
arrive in the Channel at The places Customary be sure to take
in a pilot and act in every Respect with the Greatest Caution,
when you arrive in the River of Thames and are safely Moored
at the said port of London you are to apply to Mess^{rs} John
Hanburry & Co. Merchants in the City of London and follow
their Directions in Every Respect Relative to the said Ship
and Cargoe—

I sincerely wish you a good and safe Voyage and am

Sir

Y^{rs} &c

C. C.

15. Nov^r 1755

Maryland Annapolis 15th Nov^r 1755

Gent/

This I hope you will receive safe by the Mermaid Nathaniel

Chew The inclosed Accounts will shew you that Ship building is not to be carried on here but at a great Expense and Risque and some Encouragement should be given to such Undertakers at least a living price I leave you to Judge whether I can sell her one farthing under the price that is insured I am sure I shall even at that price be a great loser. She is reputed an extreme well built fine molded vessel and the Smiths & Iron account will shew there has been no Sparing of Iron I can only say that if it be possible to Build in Maryland or America so as to fetch a price or please she can't fail of it especially at this Juncture when Ships of her Build & Size are much wanted either for privateers or Store Ships Indeed I much rely on your friendship & Care in the disposal of her the most to my advantage & to save Expences as soon as possible If you wanted such crew yourself I dare say Captⁿ Chew might venture (tho; it may be the Custom when with you to discredit it & Depreciate Colony Work) to recommend her to you as he must know the Care that was taken to have her every way completely finished for Strength according to his own Directions in the Bolting work ornaments we have not much opportunity here to bestow But it will be both unjust & ungenerous to Rank her with the common rate of American or New England Sale Built Vessels.

My ffathers Sickness & Death was a great Embarrassment to my Business & prevented my getting in any of his Debts Time enough to remitt Bills by this Shipping Though I have near four thousand pounds Sterl owing to me so that I was obliged to draw on the Credit of the Ship & Cargoe & rely on your friendship in Case they don't answer Expectation & Calculation as I shall be obliged as you will send me by some Ship coming convenient to Patapscoe the Contents of the inclosed Invoice markt $\frac{B}{X}$ I should not this year have desired this of you were I not obliged to supply the Baltimore works with the Goods for my proportion I shall not want more for my own ffamily than the amount of the small Invoice inclosed markt X which if agreeable to you send me in the same Ship The Great demand by the workmen for Goods & Provisions

obliged my ffather to sell forty Tons of Pigg iron in the Country to Purchase such Commoditys with or you would have had that Shipt you and our ffurnace wanting some necessary repairs prevented any Blast this year In about a months Time we shall be in and next Year I shall send you one hundred Ton of Pigg iron at the Cast and hope you will order your Capt^{ns} to give me the preference in Shipping If you pay all my Bills and send the Goods I shall have no objection upon keeping my Bond passed to you while in England as a Security to you for the Ballance that may be due to you tho: I hope it will not Amount to near the sum of the Bond (according to the short Scotch of our Accounts & my Calculation of the value of Effects Shipt I am sure it will not) and make no doubt of discharging by Bill & Effects next Shipping the whole with the Interest which I shall by no means scruple to allow you for what you are in advance for me and I assure you I believe your Security to be as good as any man can desire.

You must imagine my being obliged to buy Staves through the Scarcity of Tobacco has been a great disadvantage to me in making remittance to you and has occasioned a greater Call on me for Bills then I expected or that would have happened if I could have got her Loaded with Tobacco.

At my coming from England I gave my notes to Mr Reynolds a Taylor in new Court Carey Street for sixty pounds & to Mr Wonall the Bookseller for twenty four pounds I have by this opportunity wrote to them inclosed to you (and shall be obliged if you'll send the Letters by a safe Porter to them) that they could not be paid this Shipping But desired them to call on you to Satisfie them that there was no danger of their money I have Punctually paid them a good deal of money at different Times they must now wait if Effects dont answer to pay them till next Year I desired them to call on you because I would not have them uneasy or Apprehensive of this Debt or my Character suffer.

Altho I desired my Ship might be sold as soon as possible yet as I have the greatest Confidence in your ffriendship and your Acting in every Respect the best for my advantage as

you will see by the Accounts & the Bills I have drawn (which are all but about one hundred pounds on her account) The Great Expence I have really been at in Building & fitting out as a price that you your self would be Content to take for her should it not offer and there should be any opportunity of getting her into the Governments Service (as she is extremely well calculated for it) on Terms that you would think advantageous by which I might have a Probability of Reimburseing & Repaying myself their great Charges I have been at I Empower you to enter into any Agreement or Charter party on my Behalf or I would be concerned jointly with you if you would take part of her I would run a small Risque and be at some further Expence rather than part with her much under her real Value But I shall leave this as it is a Business I am quite ignorant of and much out of my way—entirely to your Judgement and management I would not on any Account have her to return to Maryland to have freight & Loading to look out for & Procure on my own account as it would break in on by Business and much Dissipate me Indeed I have had Trouble & fatigue enough with her already.

I would have the Goods if you send them Insured So that in Case of Loss I might recover the whole value Clear of all Deductions.

Capⁿ Chew has on Board as priviledge 13m Staves 6 score to the hundred viz 4 M Pipe 6 m Hogshead & 3 m Barrel all the rest belong to me I would have them sold out there has been some Gross mistake Either in the account of those that sold them when Shipt or in my Clerk who received them they are all Choice Staves and I hope will fetch a prime price I send you inclosed a Cert of the Irons being Plantation made as also the Bills of Loading for the Tobacco The Iron & the Staves

Capt Chew came into my Employ the 10th of June last at the Wages you allowed and Mr Maynard the mate the 3^d of August on the same footing he was while with you I have paid Cash in part—£23 Sterl. I imagine he was with you at 5th of month But he tells me £6 I will allow him what you did and

have given him all the Encouragement you or any one would He will make a good Voyage there is on Board 40 Gallons rum for Ships use which he tells me is Customary for you to give There is a good deal of Spare Cordage and Duck on Board and hope will be take care of and the other necessary Utensils & ffurniture. The Carpenter on Board is my Servant and his Tools must be kept for my use.

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible by any opportunity after Chews arrival How matters are like to turn out I have much at Venture My ffather little knew the Expense when he engaged in it I have drawn all my large Bills on you by the Mermaid at sixty days sight Hope by that Time my Effects will be disposed of and Cash in Hand I would not for double the money have any of my Bills protested should sooner sell all I have than suffer that Discredit If you desire it will give you the best Security in this Province for any sum you may be in advance for me I hope I may depend on your Honouring them and your ffriendship and I promise you I shall remember on all occasions I very sincerely wish you all well and am

Y^{rs} &c.

C. C.

To Mess^{rs} John Hanbury & Co.
Merchants in London—

Annapolis 30th Nov^r 1755

Sir

According to your Letter & promise of August 18th I thought the Survey on the Stage would have been Completed by this Time and that I should not have had any further Trouble especially as you told me when in Town that you wanted nothing to finish it but the Courses from the original Certificates which have been long since sent to you My ffather has been at great Cost about it and I really think myself a little unkindly used in meeting with further delay I send you again the Courses of James's ffatt from the original Certificate If

there be anything else wanting be so good as to let me know and it shall immediately be sent you Unckles tells me there is some doubt about including the Land my ffather has improved Surely my ffather never would have Built on a place he was not clear he had a title to I shall be obliged for your sentiments & Instructions theron I Gave you when in Town the Certificate of Jones's Inheritance which Mr Ross sent me to have the Improvements Inserted which has not as yet been returned to me I wrote to you 23^d Sept^r last to desire an amount of what was due on the following warrants in your Hands viz. June 11th 1751 for 700 a & June 15th 1752 for 1500 a But have reced no answer it will be doing me a favour at this Juncture when I am hurried by a variety of Business to be as explicit as possible and not to embarrass me by objections or Delays and shall be sincerely obliged to you for any Assistance you may be able to give me in Settling my ffathers affairs that you had the management of and if I can be of any Service to you here Please to Command

P. S. I hope my Letter came time enough to Countermand by Assignm^t for 350 a of Warrant to Coll Wickham

I am

W^t Sup

C: C:

To Mr Isaac Brooke Surv^r
of ffred^k County

Sir

Y^{rs} &c.

C: C:

Dear Sir/

I was out of Town when your Letter Came to my House or should sooner have sent you an Answer. I have remaining of the Staves Purchased for my Ship Barrell 1000 in 2 foot 8 Inches Long $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch Thick on the Heart and $3\frac{1}{2}$ Inches wide @ 30^s Sterg Per m—Hhd—D^o 25000 m 3 foot 8 Inches Long $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch Thick on the Heart 4 Inches wide @ 50^s Sterling Per m They were Purchased for the London Market I am

Really no Judge of them Myself but Chew told me He never saw Better They are at my Plantation near the Balt. Iron works on Patapsco where my ship was Built about 2 miles from Balt. Town. The Price Set Down is what I Gave for them. I am with Compliments to all with you

Dr Sir Y^r H^{ble} Serv^t
Charles Carroll

Annapolis Dec^r 11th 1755
To M^r Robert Lloyd Wye river

Annapolis 12th Dec^r 1755

Sir

As I understand from you that M^r Ballandine is Shortly to be up here I shall according to your Letter deliver to him Pendletons protest or will send it him by any Messenger he shall authorize to receive it w^{ch} I hope will be as soon as I want the Bill and have too Long been kept out of it I realy have Given myself a good deal of Trouble in this affair as I had despaired of settling it amicably had ordered Capias to be issued against him which I was obliged to do by an Attorney not having myself at that Time Qualified in the Courts of this province The ffees I must Pay unless M^r Ballandine (as in Honour he realy should) will discharge them and I am convinced you will realy think as the Bill was passed here I am entitled to the 15 p C^t Maryland Damages on protested Bills and if not renewed within 18 months after the date 20 p C^t of w^{ch} there is but one months to come I was not in the province at the Time the Agreements you mention was made with my late ffather But by Information from M^r Richard Croxall our Clerk of the Baltimore Iron works who had the Management of the affair for My ffather and was to have fixed the price and from M^r Ballandines own Letter which I have by me He was not to have the Bellows Leather unless he would take along with it the Nails pipes Cams ffurnace Barrs or Ringers Trunnell head plates and other necessarys for

a ffurnace These I will deliver at any Time you shall please to send Your order at a price M^r Ballandine or any Body you will depute can agree on with M^r Croxall. My ffather having occasion for some pump Leather and a little Chagrined at M^r Ballandines Treatment had ordered some of it to be used but that M^r Croxall writes me I can again Supply by some strong Leather I had by me for a pair of Smiths Bellows as M^r Thomas tells me he is to be up again before the Vessel sails I shall by him expect to hear from him. Merchandize and Bartring for Commoditys is out of my way so that it will be inconvenient to me to take anything in payment but a Bill of Exchange.

You may Depend on my best advice when I am informed of the Case and Contract you mention and of everything in My Power to Gain your Satisfaction and as I am much obliged to you shall be Glad you would put it in my Power to make some return by freely Commanding me wherever you think I can be of any Service to you here I hope you are by this Time perfectly recovered of your ffevers. I am with Great Respect

Sir Y^r mo^t H^{ble} Serv^t

C. C.

Annapolis 12th Dec^r 1755

Sir

I shall according to Coll^o Taylors Letters deliver to you when you Come up here or to any Person you will order to receive it Pendletons protest and should realy have been glad to have had less Trouble in the affair I shall in one month more by the Law of this province be entitled to 20 p C^t Damages on the protested Bill as not renewed within 18 months from the date with the Charges of protest Hope you will think it just and Honest as the Bill was paid here to conform. I shall assure you do you all the Service in my Power in the affair you mention.

By Information from M^r Croxall and your Letter which I have by me you were not to have the Bellows Leather alone but to take with it the pipes nails Cams ffurnace Barrs and Ringers

Trunnell Head plates and other ffurnace necessarys at a price Mr Croxall and you could fix on These I am ready to let you have but cannot in prudence part them. My ffather had indeed made use of some of the Leather for pump leather not expecting to hear from you on that Head but I can Supply it as I have wrote to Coll Tayler by some Strong Leather I have by me which Mr Croxall tells me will do full as well as Mr Thomas is to return again before your Vessel sails it can be no Inconvenience to you not to have them put on Board imediately but to wait your Companys further order by him and have some Body Deputed to agree on a price If you will Give him an order to receive the Bill I will also send it by him I have a pair of Smiths Bellows at my Shop out of use but they are not new and Anvil with Tools if we can agree shall let your Company have them.

Annapolis Dec^r 16th 1755

Sir

I reced your Letter relating to the Purchase of my Schooner I value her at two hundred pounds sterl when fitted with two good suitable Cables and the Anchors now laying at my Landing on the plantation where she is a main sail fforesail and Jibb with suitable running Rigging I have a Caulker and Carpenters that shall do every thing that is needful in the finishing of her and making her convenient and Light I will as you desire take in part of payment one of your Lotts in Baltimore Town at a price Mr Croxall and any other you shall agree to shall fix and value it at the remainder to be paid in such Goods as I shall want at five and twenty p Ct advance on the Shop notes or Sterl Cash as you shall incline I am

Sir

Y^{rs} &c.

C. C.

To Mr Joseph Ensor
Balt. Town

Annapolis february 27th 1756.

Sir

In Conformity with y^r desire I have by the first Safe opportunity sent you M^r Pendletons Bill with the original Protest and hope you will Befriend me so far as to get it renewed by a good Bill and sent me by the first opportunity or sterling Cash as the 18 months have Elapsed since the drawing the Bill I hope that Gentleman will not dispute the payment of the 20 p C^t Damages I am Entitled to by the Laws of this Province as the Bill was paid here If the Gentleman should delay the Renewing it or paying the money shall be much obliged if you'll put it into some honest Attorneys Hands (if any such there be) imediately to Commence and Action thereon I really have been ill used in the Affair There is a Young Gentleman M^r Mason who was a Student with me at the Temple just returned from thence into your Province If he is a practitioner in any Court Convenient I would as an old ffriend Employ him I will pay the common fees & Charges I am Sir with great respect

Y^{rs} &c.

To Coll^o John Taylor at Richmond
on Rapahannock River. Virginia

C. Carroll

Sir

I sent by M^r Barns of S^t Marys County Pendletons Protest Inclosed in a Letter to Coll Taylor some time since or would now let you have it He will Deliver it to you by my Directions & I Hope you will as soon as may be Let me Have Either the sterling Cash or a Good Bill in Lieu thereof.

The Damages now Due by the Law of our Province are 20 p C^t as I Have wrote Coll Taylor.

Agreeable To my Fathers Contract with Your Company I will Let you Have the Bellows Pipes nails and other necessarys for a Furnace now By me at a Price to be Set on them by M^r Croxall It will not suit me to Take Payment for them any

other way Than by Bills of Exchange or Cash on the same Terms They may also have The Smiths Bellows and anvill and what Else I Can spare out of my Shop.

I am Sir Y^r most humble Serv^t

Charles Carroll

Annapolis March 20th 1756

To M^r Jn^o Ballandine

Patapsco

Sir

I have according to the Desire of Y^r Co. Delivered to M^r Ballandine for y^r use the Bellows pipes Leather and Nails Furnace Iron a Pair of Smiths Bellows L Ford Have Taken his Bond on Account of himself and C^o for £ 49..5..4. Sterl

I am Really much obliged to you for the Trouble you have Taken about M^r Pendletons Bill and Promise you I had much Rather Have it seteled Amicably than be Driven to other Methods.

When I Hinted at the Honesty of Attorneys I assure you I did not Intend to apply it to those of Virginia only but to our whole Fraternity

I am Sir your mo^t obliged H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis April 13th 1756

C. C.

To Coll. T. Taylor

at Richmond on Rapahanock

Virginia

Sir

I shal Ship you in Y^r Ship the Grey hound Twenty Tons of Baltimore Pigg Iron as I make no Doubt of its Clearing me six Pounds p^r Ton shal be obliged if You'l make Insurance for me on The said Ship that in Case of Loss I may Recover Clear of all Deductions one Hundred and Twenty Pounds at the Easiest Premium

So much for Business & I have Just Time to Acquaint you that we are Hurrying on an Expedition Ags^t the French and Indians In Consequence of Forty Thousand Pounds Given by our Assembly for His Majestys Service

I am sir

Y^r M^o H^{ble} Serv^t

C. C.

Annapolis May 3^d 1756

To M^r Jn^o Stewart

Merch^t in London

C^t Lee out of Patuxent

Via York p^r Coolidge

Gen^t

I Received yours per Rawling and am sorry to Hear I am Like to be so Considerable a Sufferer by the Mermaid However should be Glad as soon as Possible to Know the worst as there is some Pleasure in being Relieved from a State of doubt & Suspence I do not Know what Fatality atends this Poor Province But it seems nothing we Can Raise or make and send Home will Turn to any advantage or Give any Satisfaction I should this year have shipped you forty or fifty Ton of Pigg Iron In Rawlings and Indeed I depended so much on Him as I had in my Letter to you Desired the preference that I Neglected to spake to any other Captains w^{ch} is no small Disappointment to me as my Iron must Lay in the Country Since he has Taken in for others But hope if it be Convenient to you another year He may have orders to take from me. I Promise you I should not have Last year sent my Ship Home had I not thought myself In Honour bound to make you what Remittance I Could as soon as Possible and Hope at Least that she may Turn out so as to Clear anything that may Be due from my Father or my self I assure you I Have that Regard for you that I shall at all times Diligently avoid Doing or asking any thing that may Hurt your Interest or be Imprudent in you to Comply with and Hope By a Continuance of my Correspondence

If you Think it worth your while to Carry it on to make a Return for the favours I Have already received from you and to Convince you that I am with Sincere Respect

Gent your mo. obliged H^{ble} Servant

C. C.

Annapolis July 30th 1756.

To John Hanbury Esq^r and C^o

Sir

I Have Ship't you in your Ship the Greyhound Hh^d of Tobacco w^{ch} Hope you'l receive Safe and D^o the best therewith for my Interest I send you the Bills of Loading and also those for 10 Ton Pigg Iron marked Baltimore a Certificate of its being Plantation made I Desire you would send me the Contents of the Inclosed Invoice and make Insurance on them so that in Case of Loss I may Recover the full Cost

Hatts 2 Dozⁿ mens Felts

oznabrigs 4 Pieces

Fearnought 2 D^o Grey

Cotten 4 Pieces Welsh

Glass 457 Lights 9 Inches by 11—244 D^o 7 by 9

Sugar 6 Loaves Single 6 Double refined

Blue Half thick 2 Pieces

2 Dozen Single 1 Dozⁿ Double worsted Caps.

Nails 20m 10^d 14^{ll} to the m 1 m 20^d brads for flooring

Writeing Paper 3 Reams 1 @ 7/6. 1 @ 10/. 1 @ 12/6 Cutt

I shall Ship you in your Ship the Lyon Cap^t James Dyer Ten Tuns of Pigg Iron as I Hope that will be worth Six Pounds per Ton I Desire you will make Insurance on the Ship that In Case of Loss I may Recover Clear of all Deductions Sixty Pounds. As I have no very Great opinion of under writers I would have my Insurance always made at the Publick offices and Hope the Premium Will be Low as from the Superiority of our Navy vigilance of our ministry and activity of our Com-

manders it must be madness in our Enemy's to attempt Sending out men of War or Privateers. Jonathan Reynolds a Taylor in New Court Carey Street Has a Note of Myn for Sixty Pounds and John Warrall a Book Seller in Bell yard near the Temple one for Twenty odd I Desire that out of the Remainder of what the Iron will Fetch after Paying for the Goods wrote for you will Pay them the whole or what Part you Can and take up the Notes Cancel them and send them to me Inclosed.

I have wrote to them to apply to you & am your

obliged H^{ble} Servant

C. C.

To J Steuart & Co^y
merch^{ts} in London

Sir

I shall Ship you in the Ship Wye River I think she is Call'd Belonging to Coll. Lloyd Edward Noel Commander twenty Tons of Baltimore Pigg Iron as I Hope it will Clear me at Least Six pounds p^r Ton Please to make Insurance on the said Ship that in Case of Loss I may recover Clear of all Deductions the sum of one hundred and Twenty Pounds at the Easiest Premium

I am Sir Y^r most H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis Septr. 18th 1756.

C. C.

To M^r William Perkins
Merchant in London p^r Carroll

Sir

When I wrote to you to Insure for me Ten Tons of Baltimore Pigg so that in Case of Loss I might Recover Clear of all Charges Sixty Pounds I did not Know Your Captⁿ Dyer Could Take in any more for me than that Quantity but find he has Taken in for me Twenty five Tons so Desire you would Insure

on the said Ship the Lyon so that in Case of Loss I may Recover Clear of all Deduction one hundred and fifty Pounds as I Cannot Think the Iron will Clear me Less than Six Pounds per Ton I shall be obliged if in the first Ship that Comes Convenient to Annapolis you'l send me added to the Invoice before sent you a Copy of Which I now Inclose Two Pair of 18 Inch H Hinges for a Strong Door Six Iron kind Brass Knobs Box Locks for Chamber doors two 9 Inch Brass D^o for parlour doors and Two Pair of Sizeable Brass Hinges H for the same doors

I am Y^{rs} Sr

Annapolis Oct^r 4th 1756
 To Jn^o Steuart & C^o
 Merch^{ts} in London
 Mess^{rs} Carroll p^r Noel

C. C.

Sir

I Hope you'll Receive safe by the Ship Wye River Captain Noel Twenty Ton of Baltimore Pigg Iron and do the best therewith for my Interest I send you Certificate of it Being Plantation made There was a Mistake in the Cap^t filing up the Bills Loading they not mentioning two shillings and six Pence out of the Ten shillings w^{ch} he has Filled up for freight to be for Primage & freight only seven shillings and six pence I have apprised Him of it and he will Rectify it and settle it accordingly none of the ships this year had more than 7/6

If I had not been Pinched in Point of time should Have sent the Bills over the Bay to Him to Have been altered. As there is other Iron on board from New York Hope mine will be Clearly separated from it and my full weight Taken from on board with the Greatest Dispatch. I shall be obliged if by the First Ship Coming this way you'll send me a Compleat set of the Gentlemans Magazine from as far Back as you Can get

them to the Present Time. And a Book Called the History of Taxes.

I am Sir Y^r mo. H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis October 21st 1756.

C. C.

To M^r William Perkins

Merch^t in London p^r Noel & White

Sir

I am Extremely sorry to find that I am to meet with farther Delay in the Payment of Pendletons Protest as I Depended on Receiving that Sum this year I have Engaged to Pay a Prety Large sum the Latter End of next month and a Disappointment to me will be indeed very Inconvenient I must therefore Request you will Endeavour to Procure it for me and if you see no Probability of Succeeding Immediately to Put it in Suit. I Expected By M^r Ballandines Agreement with M^r Croxall that I should this Fall have Had Bills or Sterling Cash for the Bond for Bellows Leather &c. the Account of w^{ch} I some time since sent you shall be much obliged as I Realy am Pinched for Bills or Sterling if it suits that you would help me to that Ballance I will Deliver the Bond Canceled to any Person you shall order I am much obliged to your for your kind Invitation which I Hope I shall have an oppertunity to accept and if Business or Curiosity should Call you this way nothing in my Power shall be wanting to make your Jaunt agreeable M^{rs} Carroll is well and Joins in Compliments to yourself and family with Sir

Your mo H^{ble} servant

Annapolis Oct^r 22^d 1756.

C. C.

To Coll. John Taylor

at Richmond on Rappahannock

Virginia.

Sir

Inclosed You Have Bill of Loading for Twenty five Ton of Bal^s Pigg Iron & a Cert. of its Being Plantation made I Hope as there must be a Demand for it During the War that it will fetch me a Good Price If you Have not already Bought the Brass H Hinges I wrote for I would Have you in Their Stead send me H's & add to what I Before wrote for one Peice of Coarse Green Livery Cloth The Parcels must be marked $\frac{A}{X}$
 $\frac{XX}{XX}$ one Doz of Blue Coarse worsted or Yarn Hose for Servant women will Cost about 9 or 10^s p^r Doz. when you Pay Reynolds or Worrall the money on my Notes Take Duplicates of Rec^{ts} & Transmit them to me as well as the Notes. Please to send me in Full on Husbandry & The Contents of the Inclosed Invoice By the first Ship Coming Convenient to Patapsco & make Insurance thereon that In Case of Loss I may Recover the Cost of Them and all Charges Clear of Deductions The Parcels must Be marked $\frac{B}{X}$ as They are not for my own Private use But for my Proportion of Goods to the Balt works

I shall be Glad to hear of the safe arrival of your Ships & how the Markets are shall be obliged if Convenient to you that you'l order your Captains to Take in Pigg Iron for me next year

I am Sir y^r mo. H^{ble} Servant

Annapolis Nov^r 30th 1756

C. C.

Copy p^r Dyer & via Bristol

To Mess^{rs} John Steuart
and Company Merchants in
London

Invoice of Sundry Goods sent in Closed in a Letter to Mess^{rs} John Steuart & Company merchant in London Dated November 30th 1756

400 Ells osnabrigs	@ 7/2 ^d
3 pieces Hessens	@ 8
3 pieces Irish linnen	@ 1/2
2 pieces Ditto	1/6
1 p ^{ce} Ditto	2/

4 p ^{ce} Chex	10 ^d
2 Pieces Ditto	1/
1 p ^{ce} Lawn	
2 p ^{ces} Good Chints	
1 large Diaper Table Cloth	
2 Smaller Ditto	
2 p ^{ces} Ribbon	7 ^d
2 p ^{ces} Ditto	8 } p ^y ^d
1 p ^{ce} Ditto	10 }
2 p ^{ces} Silk Komatts	
2 p ^{ces} Cotton Ditto	
½ ^{lb} sewing silk different Colours	
1 p ^{ce} welsh Cotton	1/2
2 p ^{ces} Kendal Ditto	1/
1 p ^{ce} Pennistone	1/2
1 p ^{ce} Fearnot	1/6
1 p ^{ce} Devonshire Kersey	3/3
2 p ^{ces} Flannel	1/
1 p ^{ce} German Serge	3/2
2 p ^{ces} Shalloon	
Buttons & Mohair	} to match Kersey & Serge
1 p ^{ce} Match Coat Blankets	
1 Doz. Strong Padlocks	
2 S bitted large stock locks	
2 S Ditto smaller Ditto	
2 Doz. Smiths Files Sorted	
6 Farriers Rasps	
1 Faggot best English Steel	
1 C blist'd Ditto	
20 m ten penny Nails	
1 Doz. hair Sieves	
6 Scrubing Brushes	
6 Hair Brooms	
1 Doz. Shoe Brushes	
6 Loaves Single refined Sugar.	
20 ^{lb} pepper	

20^{lb} Brimstone
 6^{lb} Salt Petre
 12^{lb} brown thread
 2^{lb} Whited brown D^o
 2^{lb} Ditto finer

2 Reams best writing paper
 1 brass dividers with Steel points about 7 inches long
 ½ Gross Scythe Stones

Acc^t to ab^{ts} £89..10

Sir

I Shipped you in the Ship Wye River Edward Noel Com-
 mander Twenty Ton of Baltimore Pigg which I hope as I be-
 fore wrote you Clear of Insurance and all other Charges would
 Clear me six pounds per Ton

I am indebted to M^r James Macubbin of this City on Account
 of a Bill He remitted you the last year Drawn by me on Mess^{rs}
 John Hanbury & Company which was returned under Protest
 and as I Do not Incline to Renew the Bill by Drawing on the
 said Iron but am Desireous he should be Paid as soon as Possibly
 He may from the Produce thereof I desire you would Give him
 Credit with the Produce of the s^d Iron mentioned to be on
 Account of the said Bill and by the first opportunity after your
 so Doing Advertise him and me thereof that I may settle the
 matter here with him and take up the Bill I Choose to Adjust
 it in this manner as He may Incline to make you the most Ex-
 peditious Remittance and from my own Disinclination to draw
 on the said Iron as I before mentioned

I am Sir your Mo^hble Servant

Annapolis November 27th 1756

C. C.

To M^r William Perkins
 Merchant in London

All Copys Del^d to M^r Jas. Maccubbin to be sent by Him
 on what Ship He Should Choose

Gent

I Have Been Long in Expectations of Hearing from you in Relation to the Sale of my Ship and Cargo But Have not been favoured with a Single Line Either from Yourselves or the Captain on that Head

I am in Hopes that she will fetch me the Price I valu^d Her at as I Do not Hear of any French Ships being ordered for sale which am Confident Could be the only Reason or foundation for undervaluing Her.

I shall have some Pigg Iron to Ship you next year if you'l Please to order your Captains to take it in

I am Gent y^r mo. H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis Dec^r 13. 1756
To Mess^{rs} John Hanbury
and Company Merchants in
London. _____

C. C.

Sir

I shall Ship you In the Ship now on the Stocks But Ready to be Launched and to be Called the Lyon Belonging to William Roberts of this Place forty five Ton of Baltimore Pigg Iron as I Hope it will Clear me Six pounds p^r Ton Please to make insurance for me on the s^d Ship from the River Severn where she is building to London that In Case of Loss I may Recover Clear of all Charges two hundred and seventy Pounds as I Have no Great opinion of Private underwriters would have this and any that I may Hereafter write for made at some Publick office Suppose the difference in Premium Can be But small.

I am with sincere Compliments to Yourself and Family

Sir Y^r mo. H^{ble} Servant.

Annapolis Dec^r 19th 1756.

C. C.

2 Copys via Glascow
p^r Cap^t Thomson & Bristall

To M^r William Anderson

Sir

I send you Inclosed in Gold and Your Currency fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings Hope it will more than Pay for the Silk and all Charges if you Can not get Exactly the Pattern wrote for would not have any sent But Please to keep the money in Your Hands as I may want it Probably on some other Account Lodged with you

I am Sir Y^r M^o H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis Dec^r 21st 1756

C. C.

To M^r Reese Meredith

Merch^t Philadelphia

P^r Post.

Gent

I Received yours by Cap^t Hamilton Inclosing my Account and observe The Insurers Retain above half the Premium on Hall tho no Effects on Board which I think in reason too much and think it hard I should not have an allowance By the Insurers for the Staves thrown over Board as the Effects were all Insured and I suppose no Reserve made on the Policy But must submitt if no Remedy my Pressd Servant was indented but had Little more of his time to serve then would hold out the Run His tools all Belonged to me. Am surprised my Pigg Iron should want of weight as it was all Exactly weighed here and Immediately Put on board and an Allowance of 28 Pounds in the Ton above the weight made for what it might Lose.

I am Indeed a Great Sufferer by the Low sale of my Ship But must Bear it I was in Hopes the Produce of Her and Cargo would at Least have Cleared me with you and Paid what was any way Due to you

But as there is still in your favour By your Accounts Current Including the sums for which my Bond was Passed the sum of one Hundred and Sixty seven Pounds two Shillings and one Penny shall next Shipping if you'l Please to order your Cap^tains to Take in Pigg Iron for one Ship you what will Pay

you and turn the Ballance in my Favour and shall I assure you as I am Sensible of your Favours with Great Pleasure Continue a Correspondence with you and Endeavour at all times to Promote your Interest as I am with sincere Esteem

Gent y^r mo. obedient H^{ble} Servant

Annapolis Jan^{ry} 22^d 1757

C. C.

p^r Capt. Thomson & Birstall

To Mess^{rs} Joⁿ Hanbury & Co.

Sir

I shall Ship to Mess^{rs} Bell and Wayne Merchants in London in the Schooner Industry John Birstall Master now Lying in Severn River seven Tons of Baltimore Pigg Iron.

As I have no acquaintance with the Gentlemen But Ship to them merely to Get my Iron Home Desire you would make Insurance on the said Vessell for me that in Case of Loss I may recover Clear of all Charges the sum of Forty two Pounds.

I am sir your mo H^{ble} Servant

Annapolis Jan^{ry} 28th 1757

C. C.

p^r Capt. Thomson

To M^r William Anderson

Merch^t in London

Sir

I have had a Survey Long Depending in your County Called the Stage w^{ch} by some mistake of the Late Surveyor in not Including the Land my Father intended is still unfinished I some time since sent up a special warrant Relative thereto But have heard nothing of it since M^r Uncle Unckles whom I have Directed to apply to you will Inform you of the whole affair and as it is of some Consequence to me I shall be obliged to you for your Care thereof my ffather in June the 15th 1755 sent up to M^r Brooks 315 acres of Common warrant and April

the 9th 1755 100 acres which has not been Exnd shall be obliged if you'l Return them to me by some Safe Hand or Please to bring them with you when you Come to Town and any other Special or Comōn warrant not Exnd in your Hands and you'd much oblige

Sir your mo H^{ble} Servant

Annapolis February 1st 1757
To M^r John Murdock Surveyor
of Frederick County.

C. C.

Sir

This Serves to Cover Edm^d Pendletons Exch^a on Mess^{rs} Florendene & C^o for £62:11 — W^{ch} when Paid Please to C^r my Acccount or Return under Protest by the first oppportunity

I am Sir Y^r Mo. H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis Febr^y 4th 1757

C. C.

To M^r William Anderson p^r Cap^t Thomson & Birstall
Mech^t in London & via New New York

Sir

I have Shiped to Mess^{rs} John Bell and Abraham Wayne seven and a Half Ton of Pigg iron for which as you made the Insurance send you the Bills Loading and I have wrote to them for some Goods to the Amount of what it will I suppose Clear as I Know nothing of the Gentlemen I shall be obliged if you'l Inquire of them whether when and by what vessel they send the goods and make insurance for me that in Case of Loss I may Draw Clear of all Expences the amount of them and all Charges if they do not send the Goods Please to tender them the order Inclosed of which I have Given them advice which I suppose they will Pay Get the Invoice of them and by the first Con-

venient Ship Coming to Annapolis send me the Goods mentioned in it Insured as above

I am Sir y^r mo. H^{ble} Servant

Annapolis February 10th 1757

C. C.

To M^r William Anderson merch^t
in London p^r Capt. Birstall

& Fanning & Hamilton

Gent.

I have Shipped you in the Schooner Industry John Birstall Master Seven and a Half Tons of Baltimore Pigg iron and send you a Certificate of its Being Plantation made that which I shipped Last year for London Brought me Clear of Insurance and all other Charges six pounds Ten shillings per Ton and as the Demand for it must be Increased I Hope the Price is also.

I Desire you will by the first Ship Coming Convenient to Annapolis send me the Contents of the Inclosed Invoice w^{ch} I suppose will not be Inconvenient to you as no Tradesman in London but what will be glad to send the Goods and wait for Pay till the Iron is disposed of If it be not suitable to you to send the Goods Please to Pay what the iron fetches to M^r William Anderson merchant in London Payable to whom on my Account and have drawn an order on you for fifty three Pounds fifteen Shillings who will Ship them to me. I hope by your management of what I have now Ship^t you to be Encouraged to Keep up a Correspondence with you

I am Gent^t y^r most H^{ble} Serv^t

Annapolis in Maryland Feb. 10th 1757

C. C.

To Mess^{rs} John Bell and C^o

Merchant in London p^r Cap^t Birstall & Fanning & Hamilton

Sir

As the Goods I wrote to you to send is marked $\frac{A}{\frac{x}{xx}}$ and for my own use are for the Cloathing My Servants and Family Consumption the not Receiving them safe at the Time Expected will be a Great Disappointment to me I must therefore Desire that if you have Certain Advice of the Vessels being taken that they are Shipt in you will Immediately send me in the first Ship Coming Convenient to Annapolis the Contents of that smaller Invoice only Lest you should Mistake I send you a Copy of it

And am Gent. Your most Humble Servant

Annapolis February 13th 1757

C. C.

To Mess^{rs} John Steuart and Company

Merchants in London p^r Birstall & Fanning & Hamilton

Invoice of Goods sent Inclosed in a Letter to Mess^{rs} John Bell and Company merchants in London Dated the 10th Febr^y 1757 viz.

- 1 p^{ce} Blue Bearskin
- 2 p^s Blue Half thick
- 1 p^s Green Ditto

- 2 Faggots Steel
- 4 p^s oznabrigs @ 7^d p Ell
- 2 p^s welsh Cotten
- 1 Doz. mens felt Hatts
- 1 p^s Garlix Holland
- some 10^d Nails

Sir

I am Informed that you Have with you Frequently young men that have served their Time to the Baking Business that

want Employ if you Know of any such that are Inclinable to Come to this Place they shall not fail of Incouragement from me I have Ready Fitted up a Convenient Tenement for that Trade and a merchant mill to supply them with all matterials

And would Lease them the Tenement and Contract to Supply what they should want at market Price my Inducement is to get a good Tenant and a vent for my Flower. He Can not fail of Custom if Industrious

Shall be obliged By a line of Information

and am Sir your most Humble Serv^t

Annapolis February 18th 1757

C. C.

To M^r Reese Meredith
Merch^t in Philadelphia

Sir

I shall Ship you in the Ship Lyon belonging to William Roberts of this Place five Tuns of Pigg iron more than I before wrote for Insurance for in all fifty Tons Desire that you will Insure on the said Ship for me so that In case of Loss I may recover at the Rate of Six Pounds p Ton on the said five Tons in Case of Loss as well as on the other forty five.

I am Sir your Humble Servant

Annapolis March 7th 1757

C. C.

p Cap^t Birstall & Fanning & via New York

p^r Hamilton

To M^r William Anderson
Merch^t in London

JOSEPH HARRIS OF "ELLENBOROUGH." *

By GEORGE FORBES.

Joseph Harris, known as "Colonel" Joseph Harris, was Clerk of this Court for nearly a half century. He was born August 7th, 1773 and died March 27th, 1855 at "Mt. Tirzah," the ancestral home of his family near the present postoffice of Wayside, in Charles County, Maryland, it then being the home of his son Henry Reeder Harris. He came of a distinguished ancestry. His great-great Grandfather, Thomas Harris, emigrated from England with his wife and a man servant in the year 1650, coming to Maryland and being granted a tract of land of 300 acres which he took up in Charles County, William and Mary Parish, in the neighborhood of Pickawaxon. This tract was originally called "Harris's Land" or the "Land of Harris" and subsequently became known as "Mt. Tirzah," which name it still bears. The present postoffice of Wayside was formerly known as "Harris's Lot."

The lineage of the Harris Family has been traced back to Edward III, King of England. The descent of Joseph Harris, it may be well for purposes of record to note, was as follows:

Great-great grandfather Thomas Harris the emigrant.

Great-grandfather Thomas Harris, born February 26th, 1684, married September 28th, 1704, Martha Standbury but the date of his death is not recorded.

Grandfather, John Harris, born May 25th, 1708, married June 24th, 1740, Catherine Musgrove, the date of his death being unrecorded.

Father, Colonel Thomas Harris, born August 1st, 1741, married February 19th, 1764, Ann Gwinn, daughter of Joseph Gwinn and Elizabeth Yates, and died February 22nd, 1815.

Colonel Joseph Harris married Susannah Reeder (1782-

* Part of an address by George Forbes, Esq., during the presentation of a portrait of Joseph Harris, to the Circuit Court of St. Mary's county, Nov. 1936.

1827) the daughter of Dr. Harry Reeder and Elizabeth Cunningham, the former of a long St. Mary's County lineage—the latter of Charles County stock.

Colonel Joseph Harris was one of a large family, there being thirteen issue of Colonel Thomas Harris and Ann Gwinn as follows:

1. Eleanor,	born	December 15th, 1764,
2. John,	“	September 28th, 1766,
3. Martha,	“	March 25th, 1768,
4. Thomas,	“	December 31st, 1769,
5. Elizabeth,	“	June 22nd, 1771,
6. Joseph,	“	August 7th, 1773,
7. John F.,	“	March 22nd, 1775,
8. Kitty,	“	July 30th, 1776,
9. Benjamin G.,	“	September 10th, 1778,
10. Gwinn,	“	April 27th, 1780,
11. Violetta,	“	May 25th, 1782,
12. Nathan,	“	September 5th, 1785,
13. Morgan,	“	November 16th, 1787.

The subject of our sketch was the sixth child. His brothers Gwinn and Thomas, generally known as Thomas Harris, Jr., were both distinguished citizens of the State and the former, Gwinn, a Naval Officer of distinction. Thomas Harris, Jr., was Clerk of the General Court Office or the Court of Appeals of Maryland for forty years (1789-1829) and the compiler of the first thirteen volumes of the Maryland Reports in collaboration with those whose names the reports bear. He collaborated with Kilty and Watkins in a six volume compilation of Maryland Laws, and in 1801 got out his then invaluable book of forms known as “Harris' Modern Entries.”

Joseph Harris was buried in the family plot at “Ellenborough” where his wife had been laid to rest twenty-eight years before. On his tombstone in addition to the above dates of his birth and death, appears this epitaph:

“He enjoyed the respect and esteem due to an
intelligent upright and benevolent gentleman.”

An even more appealing epitaph, however, evidencing the esteem in which he was held by his family, is found in the fact

that some thirty of his descendants have the given name of Joseph Harris, amongst them being my own father, Joseph Harris Forbes, late of Annapolis.

His service as Clerk of this Court extended from 1795 to 1843, serving but two years less than half a century and having succeeded James Kilgour in that office.

Having given Colonel Harris' pedigree from the emigrant stock, it may also be well to note his immediate descendants. He had eight children as follows:—

1. Ann Elizabeth, born September 25th, 1802, married Colonel Nicholas Stonestreet, and died November 26th, 1878.
2. Maria Louisa, born 1804, married Colonel Henry Greenfield Sothoron Key circa 1823, and died in 1875.
3. Benjamin Gwinn, born December 13th, 1806, married in 1826 Martha Elizabeth Harris, and died April 4th, 1895.
4. Mary Eleanor, born November 7th, 1809, married "Colonel" George Forbes in 1833, and died February 12th, 1855.
5. Martha, born October 4th, 1811, died May 30th, 1837, unmarried.
6. Jane, born January 21st, 1813, died October 22nd, 1831, unmarried.
7. Josephene, born *circa* August 2nd, 1817, married on November 6th, 1845, Dr. Thomas John Franklin, and died April 10th, 1851.
8. Henry Reeder, born in 1822, married September 28th, 1842, Catherine Ruth Harris, and died in 1894.

Colonel Harris and his ancestors had been of the Church of England and his descendants are all Episcopalians.

There fortunately has come before me an account of Colonel Harris' death taken from the St. Mary's *Beacon* published at Leonardtown on Thursday, March 29th, 1855, and since it is a contemporaneous account of him, his work, and the esteem in which he was held in the place where he had spent practically his entire life, I can do no better than include it here:

"Colonel Joseph Harris, one of the oldest and most distinguished citizens of this county, departed this life on Tuesday last, 27th inst., at the residence of his son, Henry R. Harris, Esq., in Charles County, in the 83rd year of his age. Colonel Harris was appointed Clerk of this county in 1794, and fulfilled the duties of his office with pre-eminent ability until his resignation in 1843, a period of forty-nine years. In private life, he was especially esteemed for his moral worth, his gentle-

manly deportment, his cheerful and social disposition, and his numerous charities. By all classes of the people of St. Mary's will his death be mourned and his memory cherished.

"His remains will be interred this (Thursday) evening in the family burial place at Ellenborough, his former residence near this town.

"Since the above was written a meeting of the citizens of Leonard Town has been held, at which resolutions appropriate to the occasion were adopted, and the proceedings of which we publish below.

"TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

"At a well-attended meeting of the citizens of Leonard Town and vicinity, held at the Union Hotel, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday the 28th instant, to express their regret at the decease of Colonel Joseph Harris, John Greenwell was called to the chair, and George S. King, appointed secretary. On motion, G. C. Morgan, George S. King, and B. R. Abell were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. The committee having performed the duty assigned to them, reported the following resolutions through their chairman, Mr. Morgan, which were read and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, we the citizens of Leonard Town and vicinity have heard with profound regret that Colonel Joseph Harris, late a resident of this county, departed this life at the residence of his son, Henry R. Harris, Esq., of Charles County, on Tuesday morning, the 27th inst., we his former neighbors and friends, who have known and revered the many virtues that adorned his long and useful life, have assembled to give utterance to the sincere grief felt by us and by the entire people of St. Mary's on this melancholy occasion.

"Therefore, Resolved, That in the death of Joseph Harris we are called upon to deplore the loss of a citizen but recently in our midst, in whose whole life from youth to advanced age every obligation to his fellow man was fulfilled; of a friend, whose heart was ever alive to the kindest feelings of our nature, whose purse was always open to the needy and destitute,

whose advice was the criterion of youth and the comfort of the advanced in years; of a parent, master and neighbor whose amicable deportment and confiding intercourse nurtured and strengthened every tie that adorns the domestic and social circle.

“ ‘Resolved, that as a feeble testimony of our respect for his memory, it is hereby requested that the stores and other public places of Leonard Town be closed tomorrow, upon the arrival of his remains, and that the citizens of Leonard Town attend his funeral from the residence of his son, Benjamin G. Harris, Esq., to the place of interment.

“ ‘Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives of the deceased in their sad bereavement, and in token thereof, we hereby direct the secretary of this meeting to forward to each of his children a copy of these resolutions.

“ ‘Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *St. Mary's Beacon*.

“ ‘JOHN GREENWELL, *Chairman*.

“ ‘GEO. S. KING, *Secretary*.’ ”

FRISBY FAMILY.*

By FRANCIS B. CULVER.

1. JAMES¹ FRISBY, the founder of the Maryland family, was in Virginia as early as 1654. He died in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1674. The records of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, show that on 2 August 1654, “Edward Lloyd of Severne in the Province of Maryland, gent.,” conveyed to “James Frisby of Virginia, planter,” 600 acres of land on Elizabeth River, originally granted to Jonathan Langworthy, etc. (Lower Norfolk Wills and Deeds, Liber C, folio 189). In 1655/6, Frisby is styled “Merchant,” and also “Mr.,” in the records. At a

* The compiler is indebted to Dr. J. Hall Pleasants, of Baltimore, for the use of the latter's extensive collection of Frisby family data.—F. B. C.

Court held 15 April 1664, upon petition of James Frisby, Merchant, a certificate was granted him for 1150 acres of land, for transporting into the Virginia Colony himself, his wife and four children, and seventeen other individuals, including four negro servants. It is impossible to determine from this Certificate or Warrant, how many years previously these persons were brought into the Colony, or whether they came in one group or at separate intervals of time. It is possible that James Frisby arrived in Virginia by way of one of the British West Indian dependencies.

He removed to the present Cecil County, Maryland, where as early as 1663 he had acquired a tract of land called "Burle's Journey" and, on 22 May 1665, patented 350 acres on Sassafras River in Cecil (then a part of Baltimore County), granted him by the Lord Baltimore for transporting himself, his wife Mary and five children, James, William, Thomas, Mary and Jonas Frisby (Md. Patents, VIII. 130). He was appointed a Commissioner of Kent (Island?) on 4 June 1665 (Md. Arch. III. 529). The will of James Frisby of Sassafras River was dated 22 December 1673 and proved 12 October 1674 (Liber II. 11).

James Frisby and Mary his wife had issue as follows:

2. I. JAMES² FRISBY, born 1651; died in 1704 (*of whom later*).
3. II. WILLIAM² FRISBY, born *ante* 1664; died in December, 1713 (*of whom later*).
- III. Thomas² Frisby, died 1685, *sine prole*.
- IV. Mary² Frisby.
- V. Jonas² Frisby, died, *sine prole*?

2. JAMES² FRISBY (*James*¹) was born in England(?) in 1651 and died in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1704. There is on record in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, a deed dated 5 January 1682, from James Frisby [2nd] of Cecil County, Maryland, to Thomas Hodges of Elizabeth River, said county, conveying 600 acres of land (granted originally to Jonathan Langworthy) which, by various transfers became the property of one John Watkins and of "Edward Lloyd who married ye

widow of said Watkins . . . ye land was sold unto my father James Frisby, late deceased, by deed ye 2 August 1654 and afterward, by a ferme deed under ye hand and seale of John Watkins ye son and heir of ye said John Watkins ye land was confirmed unto my said father James Frisby, deceased, bearing date ye 15 September 1658 and recorded in the records of Lower Norfolk County ye 16 September and now descended by right of inheritance unto me ye said James Frisby as heir to my said father James Frisby, deceased." [Signed] James Frisby and Sarah Frisby. On record with this deed and entered 10 November 1683, is a power of attorney from James Frisby (obviously the father), of date 21 September 1674, which reads as follows: "James Frisby of Sassafras River, in Maryland, to my loving friend Captain John Hatton of Lower Norfolk County in Virginia, to convey to Thomas Hodges of Nansemond in Virginia (the aforesaid) 600 acres in Elizabeth River" (Lower Norfolk Deeds, Liber 4, folio 154). Hence, the deed of 1682, executed by James Frisby (2nd) and his wife Sarah, was a confirmatory deed to the land which his father, by power of attorney, had authorised John Hatton to convey in 1674. James Frisby is mentioned in 1692 as a "brother" or a "relative by marriage," of Captain Peregrine Brown, an English shipmaster (Md. Arch., VIII. 331-337; xiii. 318, 319). He was appointed a Commissioner of the Peace for Cecil County, 6 June 1676 (Md. Arch. XV. 77); Commissioner and Justice of Cecil County, 13 December 1680 (*ibid.*, XV. 326); of the "Quorum," 8 October 1681 (*ibid.*, XVII. 43); member of the Maryland Assembly, 1676, 1678, 1681/2; member of the Council, 1691-1703 (*ibid.*, VIII. 283, 284, *et seq.*); styled "Captain," 1683/4.

The will of James Frisby of Cecil County, Maryland, was dated 10 September 1702 and proved 19 June 1704 (Liber III. 268). He devised to his sons Thomas and William certain lands—the dwelling plantation (to Thomas) and land thereunto contained in five patents (to Thomas and William), *viz't.*, "Burle's Journey," "Frisby's Addition," "Frisby's Wild

Chase," "Frisby's Point," "Baltimore Fields"; to son James, "White Marsh," "Hardgrove's Choice," "Frisby's Prime Choice," "Frisby's Farm," "Frisby's Forest," part of "Broad Oak" (300 acres on the south side of Sassafras River); to son Peregrine, personalty (no land); mentions daughter Sarah Robinson and son-in-law Thomas Robinson; sons Peregrine and William to remain in England to be educated, and to be looked after by a Justice in England who shall be selected by Thomas and James Frisby.

James Frisby married, about 1675, Sarah Read (perhaps, a sister of the wife of William Southby of Talbot County¹) and had issue as follows:

- I. James^s Frisby, born 18 June 1676; died in infancy.
- II. Mary^s Frisby, born 14 February 1678/9; died unmarried.
- III. Sarah^s Frisby, born 28 March 1680; died 1719/31; married (1), on 6 July 1697, Thomas Robinson and (2), on 24 February 1708, Stephen Knight (d. 1745).
4. IV. THOMAS^s FRISBY, born 15 February 1681; died *circa* 1715/16 (*of whom later*).
5. V. JAMES^s FRISBY, born 3 August 1684; died 18 December 1719 (*of whom later*).
6. VI. PEREGRINE^s FRISBY, born 25 July 1688; died in 1738 (*of whom later*).
- VII. Mary^s Frisby, born 2 July 1690; died *ante* 1704, unmarried.
- VIII. Jacob^s Frisby, born 19 October 1693; died *ante* 1704?
- IX. Frances^s Frisby, born 15 May 1696; died *ante* 1704?
- X. Francis^s Frisby, baptized 7 July 1697.
7. XI. WILLIAM^s FRISBY, born 22 August 1699; died in 1724 (*of whom later*).

3. WILLIAM² FRISBY (*James*¹) was born in England(?) before 1664, died in Kent County, Maryland, in December, 1713 and was buried in St. Paul's parish 17 December 1713. He was named second in the list of his father's five children for whose transportation the father received land in Maryland in 1665. He patented in 1687 "Swan Island" (18 acres) in Kent County (Md. Patents, Liber 22, folio 256; Liber I. R.-I. L., No. C, folio

¹ On 22 July 1678, William Southebee gave a power of Attorney to his "trusty friend and brother-in-law, James Frisby" (Cecil County Deeds, Liber I. 108-110).

301). The Kent County Rent Roll for 1707 shows him then possessed of "Hinchingham" (700 acres) and "Swan Island" (18 acres). The later Kent Rent Roll (1720-1725), which may, however, refer to his son William, shows that "William Frisby" then possessed 422 acres of "Great Oak Manor" (1550 acres), resurveyed in 1673 for John Vanheck on the south side of Worton Creek; 700 acres of "Hinchingham" (2200 acres) surveyed in 1669 for Thomas Hynson on the east side of Chesapeake Bay, near Swan Island; "Swan Island" (18 acres) on Tavern Creek, surveyed 4 August 1686 for William Frisby. The following tracts in Cecil County, possessed by "William Frisby" (as shown by the Cecil Rent Roll), may refer to his son William, *viz*: "Clement Hill," surveyed 3 August 1658 for Clement Michaelson on the north side of Sassafras River; "Frisby's Purchase" (50 acres), surveyed by James Frisby on the north side of Sassafras. It is to be noticed that in William Frisby's will dated in 1713,² he names the following tracts: To son William, 400 acres "Frisby's Purchase" and "Bay Neck" (part of "Swan Point") on the north side of Farley Creek; to son James, "The Island" (100 acres), between Swan and Tavern creeks, "Swan Island" (18 acres), "Frisby's Conveniency" (300 acres); to son Stephen, "Swan Point" (400 acres) and dwelling plantation, "Cornelius' Hills" (150 acres) and "Frisby's Purchase," on the north side of Sassafras River in Cecil County (Md. Calendar of Wills, IV. 6). William Frisby was a Commissioner and Justice of Kent County, Maryland, 1685-'88, 1694-'98 (Md. Arch., XVII. 378; VIII. 23; XX. 131; XXIII. 403); Presiding Justice, 1686-'88, 1697 (Md. Arch., V. 460; VIII. 23; XXIII. 128); Major of Kent County Militia, 1694 (*ibid.*, XX. 131); Member of the Maryland Assembly, 1694-'96, 1704-1710 (*ibid.*, XIX. 30, 417, 556; XXVI. 31, 475, 545; XXVII. 30, 499).

² The administration bond was filed in April, 1714 by Ann Frisby, ext'x., with St. Leger Codd and Michael Miller as sureties (Annapolis, Test. Proc., XXII. 327).

William Frisby married (1), *circa* 1684, Mary [née Carpenter ?] who died in May, 1699 and had issue as follows:

8. I. WILLIAM⁸ FRISBY, born *circa* 1684; died in 1738 (*of whom later*).
- II. James⁸ Frisby, born 3 September 1685; died in September, 1721.
He was born at Sassafras River, "in the house formerly belonging to Mr. Simon Carpenter" (d. 1676).
- III. Richard⁸ Frisby, died in August, 1703.
- IV. Thomas⁸ Frisby, died in May, 1711.
- V. Stephen⁸ Frisby, died in January, 1712.

William Frisby married (2) Rachel —, who died in September, 1703, *sine prole*. He married (3) Ann —, who died *post* 1721, and had issue as follows:

- VI. Stephen⁸ Frisby, born *circa* 1712; died in November, 1714.
- VII. Anne⁸ Frisby, born in 1713/14; died *post* 1775; married 1737/40 Peregrine⁴ Frisby (*Peregrine⁸, James², James¹*) of Cecil and Kent counties, Maryland.

4. THOMAS⁸ FRISBY (*James², James¹*) was born 15 February 1681 and died about 1715/16 in Cecil County, Maryland. He married (1), *circa* 1702/3, Frances Wells (died 1713), daughter of George and Blanche (Gouldsmith) Wells of Baltimore County, Maryland. He married (2) Augustina Herman (died 1724/7), daughter of Casparus Augustine Herman of Cecil County [she married (2), in 1719, Roger Larramore (died 1721); and (3), in 1723, Henry Rippin].

Thomas Frisby, by his first wife Frances Wells, had issue as follows:

- I. Thomas⁴ Frisby, born 21 January 1703/4; died *ante* 1734, *sine prole*.
- II. Mary⁴ Frisby, born 28 September 1705; died *sine prole*.
- III. Mary⁴ Frisby, born in March, 1709; married, 14 August 1729, Thomas Henderson of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
- IV. James⁴ Frisby, born in April, 1711; died *ante* 1734, *sine prole*.
9. V. PEREGRINE⁴ FRISBY, born in April, 1711; died *circa* 1747 (*of whom later*).
- VI. Sarah⁴ Frisby, born *circa* 1713; died *ante* 1757; married (1), *post* 1735, Thomas Holland (1700-1742) of Calvert County, Maryland; married (2) Robert Freeland (died 1757) of Calvert County.

5. JAMES⁸ FRISBY (*James², James¹*) was born 3 August 1684 and died 18 December 1719, in Cecil County, Maryland.

He was at first named William, but was baptized "James" on 13 June 1688 (Family Records). He was a member of the Maryland General Assembly, 1715-1719 and was styled "James Frisby of Cecil County, gentleman," in the records. His will was dated 14 November and proved 30 December 1719, leaving his entire estate to his wife Ariana (Liber XVI. 4).

Captain James Frisby married, 9 February 1713/14, Ariana Vanderheyden (1690-1741), daughter of Matthias and Anna Margaretta (Herman) Vanderheyden of Cecil County, Maryland [She married (2), in 1723, Thomas Bordley (died 1726) of Annapolis, Md.; she married (3), in 1728, Edmund Jennings (died 1756) of Annapolis and, later, of Yorkshire, England].

James and Ariana (Vanderheyden) Frisby had issue as follows:

- I. Sarah⁴ Frisby, born 7 December 1714; married, 9 September 1730, John Brice (1706-1766) of Annapolis.
- II. Ariana Margaret⁴ Frisby, born 8 September 1717; married William Harris (died 1748) of Kent County.
- III. Francina Augustina⁴ Frisby, born 16 August 1719; died in 1766; married (1), on 25 September 1735, Dr. William Stevenson (died 1739) of Annapolis; married (2), on 3 May 1742, Daniel Cheston of Kent County, Maryland.

6. PEREGRINE³ FRISBY (*James*², *James*¹) was born 25 July 1688 and died in 1738. He deposed his age as 42 years in 1731 (Liber I. R., no. 2, folio 607). This deposition is incorrectly attributed to "Benjamin" Frisby in the Md. Hist. Magazine, XXIII. 147. He was a member of the Maryland General Assembly from Cecil County in 1713/14. On 15 December 1718, James and Peregrine Frisby of Cecil County, gentleman, with Ariana and Elizabeth their wives, respectively, conveyed to William Frisby of said county, gentleman, in consideration of a partition due unto the said William Frisby, all the several tracts of land mentioned in five conveyances from Thomas Frisby to James and Peregrine Frisby, bearing date 19 June 1714, viz^t—the remaining part of "Burle's Journey," the remaining part of "Frisby's Wild Chase," "Frisby's Addition," "Frisby's

Point" and "Baltimore Field," lying on the north side of Sassafras River (Cecil County Deeds, Liber 3, folio 364).

Peregrine Frisby married Elizabeth Sewell (died 1751/2), daughter of Major Nicholas and Susanna (Burgess) Sewell, and had issue as follows:

10. I. PEREGRINE⁴ FRISBY, born 15 March 1713/14; died (will 1744/74), *of whom later*.
 - II. Nicholas⁴ Frisby, died in infancy.
 - III. Susanna⁴ Frisby, born 19 June 1718; married, *circa* 1738, Richard Tilghman (1705-1766).
 - IV. James⁴ Frisby, died in infancy.
11. V. JAMES⁴ FRISBY, born 30 August 1722; died in 1755 (*of whom later*).
 - VI. Sarah⁴ Frisby, born 3 September 1727; married Philemon Charles Blake (died 1761).
 - VII. Ann⁴ Frisby, born 3 September 1727; died in March, 1793; married (1) John Rousby (1728-1751); married (2), in 1752, William Fitzhugh (1721-1798) of Virginia and Maryland.
 - VIII. Elizabeth⁴ Frisby, born 25 February 1729/30; married James Lloyd (1717-1768).

7. WILLIAM³ FRISBY (*James², James¹*) was born 22 August 1699 and died in Cecil County in 1724. His will was dated 20 January 1722/3 (See Annapolis, Chancery Proc., I. R. no. 4, folios 222, 226, 229).

William Frisby married, *circa* 1720, Mary Sewell, daughter of Major Nicholas and Susanna (Burgess) Sewell [she married (2), in 1725, Dominic Carroll of Cecil County; married (3), *ante* 1737, John Baldwin (died 1752) of Cecil County]. William and Mary (Sewell) Frisby had issue as follows:

- I. Nicholas⁴ Frisby, born in 1721; died in 1728.
- II. Mary⁴ Frisby, born 10 December 1723; died in 1736.

8. WILLIAM³ FRISBY (*William², James¹*) was born *circa* 1684 and died (intestate) in Kent County, Maryland, in 1738. He received, under the will of his father in 1713, four hundred acres, "Frisby's Purchase" and part of "Swan Point," on the north side of Farley Creek. The hereunder mentioned tracts were to go to his brother Stephen and, in the event of Stephen's death, *sine prole*, were to pass to William aforesaid and James Frisby.

As Stephen (the second of this name) died an infant in 1744, the lands were vested in William and James as follows: "Swan Point" and dwelling plantation (400 acres), "Cornelius' Hills," *alias* "Cornelius Town" (150 acres), and "Frisby's Purchase," on the north side of Sassafras River in Cecil County. James, the brother, also died, in 1721, leaving most of his estate to his brother William. Under his father's will, James received "The Island" (100 acres), "Swan Island" (18 acres), "Frisby's Conveniency" (300 acres), part of "Hinchingham." In 1738, just before his death, the Debt Book shows that William Frisby owned the following lands in Kent: Part of "Hinchingham" (400 acres), "Swan Island" (18 acres), part of "Great Oak Manor" (422 acres) and one lot in Chestertown. William Frisby died (intestate) early in 1738 and, as "Major" William Frisby, his estate was administered upon, 28 April 1738, by his widow Jane, with Augustine Thompson of Queen Anne's County and Thomas Smith (Smythe) of Kent, as sureties in the amount of £4000 (Test. Proc., XXX. 409, 458). The inventory was signed by Ann Frisby and Thomas Smythe as "Kin" (Inv., xxiii. 294). Jane Frisby survived her husband about twenty-four years and did not remarry. She died probably in 1762 and her will names three sons, William, James and Richard, and a daughter Mary Granger. William Frisby held various civil and military offices. He was a Commissioner and Justice of Kent, 1726-1733 and of the quorum in 1732 (Md. Commission Book); Sheriff of Kent in 1715 (Hanson's "Old Kent," page 356).

William Frisby married, *circa* 1710, Jane Thompson (died 1762), daughter of Colonel John and Judith (Herman) Thompson, and had issue as follows:

- I. Richard⁴ Frisby, bapt. 5 May 1711; died young.
- II. Mary⁴ Frisby, born 1713; died 1768/76; married (1), in 1734, Thomas Smythe (*c.* 1710-1741); married (2), *ante* 1744, William Granger (died 1752).
12. III. WILLIAM⁴ FRISBY, born 1715/22; died in 1779 (*of whom later*).
- IV. Anne⁴ Frisby, born 1721; died 21 April 1756; married Thomas Marsh.

13. V. JAMES⁴ FRISBY, born 1725; died in 1807 (*of whom later*).
 14. VI. RICHARD⁴ FRISBY, born *circa* 1726/30; died in 1790 (*of whom later*).

9. PEREGRINE⁴ FRISBY (*Thomas*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born in April, 1711 and died in Baltimore County, Maryland, *circa* 1747. The estate of Captain Peregrine Frisby of Baltimore County was administered upon, 25 March 1747, by the widow Mary Frisby (Annapolis, Test. Proc. XXXII. 95). The inventories of the estates of Peregrine and Mary Frisby, both deceased, were filed on 24 May 1749 by Mary Henderson, adm'x. (Baltimore Inventories, Liber II. folios 229, 276).

Peregrine Frisby married, 26 January 1738, Mary Holland (1721-1749), daughter of Francis and Susanna (Utie) Holland of Baltimore County, and had issue as follows:

- I. Frances⁵ Frisby, born 4 August 1741; and died *ante* 1776; married, *circa*, Greenberry Dorsey (1730-1798).
 II. Sarah⁵ Frisby, born 24 July 1744.
 15. III. THOMAS PEREGRINE⁵ FRISBY, born 15 September 1746; died in 1781 (*of whom later*).

10. PEREGRINE⁴ FRISBY (*Peregrine*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 15 March 1713/14 and died (will 1744/74).

Peregrine Frisby married, 1737/40, Anne Frisby (1713-*post* 1775), daughter of William² Frisby (d. 1713) and his third wife Ann (—) Frisby, and had issue as follows:

- I. Anna Maria⁵ Frisby, born 2 March 1740; married Samuel Chew (1737-1809).
 II. Peregrine⁵ Frisby, born *ante* 1744; died *ante* 1775, *sine prole*.

11. JAMES⁴ FRISBY (*Peregrine*³, *James*², *James*¹) was born 30 August 1722 and died in 1775. His will, dated 22 January 1775 and proved 16th February following, in Cecil County, mentions his wife Sarah; his sister Elizabeth Lloyd; his nephews Frisby Lloyd, Charles Blake and Nicholas Lloyd; his aunt Anne Douglas; and Thomas Noxon, son of Benjamin Noxon late of Newcastle County, deceased; Samuel Chew of Kent County, Delaware, and his wife Anne "my niece," *et al.*

James Frisby married Sarah Noxon (died *post* 1780),

daughter of Thomas Noxon (died 1743) of Newcastle County, Delaware, and had issue as follows:

I. Peregrine Noxon⁵ Frisby, born 21 February 1758; died *ante* 1775?

12. WILLIAM⁴ FRISBY (*William³, William², James¹*) was born 1715/22 and died in Kent County, Maryland, in 1779. He was Captain in the Kent County Militia in 1776 (Md. Arch., XI. 246, 423, 470), and Major in the 13th Battalion of Kent Militia in 1778 (MSS. Md. Muster Rolls).

William Frisby married (1), *circa* 1742/3, Mary Young (1723/6-*post* 1764), daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kelley) Young, and had issue as follows:

I. William⁵ Frisby, born 3 January 1744; died *ante* 1770; married Cordelia —.

II. Mary⁵ Frisby, born 27 December 1746; died *sine prole*.

III. Jane⁵ Frisby, born 12 December 1748.

IV. Anne⁵ Frisby, born 3 July 1751.

V. Joseph⁵ Frisby, born *circa* 1751; died 1790/1800.

VI. Martha⁵ Frisby, born 19 August 1754; married(?) William Gleaves.

VII. James⁵ Frisby, born in 1755; died *post* 1779.

VIII. Milcah⁵ Frisby, born *circa* 1760; married — Hollis.

William Frisby married (2), *post* 1764, Elizabeth (—) Gleaves (died *c.* 1799) and had issue as follows:

IX. Elizabeth⁵ Frisby, died *ante* 1779.

16. X. JAMES⁵ FRISBY, died *ante* 1816 (*of whom later*).

13. JAMES⁴ FRISBY (*William³, William², James¹*) was born in 1725 and died in 1807. On 26 August 1788, he deposed his age as "about 62 years" (Annapolis, Chancery Proc., XVI. 520). As his father died intestate in 1738, he inherited none of the latter's lands, all of which passed to his elder brother William, as heir at law. On 16 July 1747, William and his wife Mary conveyed, "for love and affection," to his brother James "Frisby's Convenience" (200 acres), part of a larger tract called "Hinchingham," purchased in 1698 by their father from William Hambleton (Kent County Deeds, Liber J. S., no. 26, folios 38, 177). On 4 November 1756, James Frisby pur-

chased from Ann, widow of Charles Scott of Kent County, 300 acres of "Stepney Heath Manor" (*ibid.*, J. S., no. 28, folio 242), etc. He owned the following tracts [Kent County Debt Book (1769) and Tax List (1783)]:

<i>Tracts</i>	<i>1769</i>	<i>1783</i>
Part of "Hinchingham" (gift from brother William)	200 acres	150 acres
Part of "Hinchingham" (son John's)	50 " "
"Sewell's Manor" (belonged to James of Cecil Co.)	1000 "	(in Delaware)
Part of "Stepney Heath Manor" (from Ann, widow Scott)	300 "	450 acres
Part of "Stepney Heath Manor" (from James Smith of John)	1 " "
"Holy Land" (from James Smith)	130 "	107 "
"Gresham's College" (held for son John) ..	366 " "
"New Key" (Land Commission 1757)	200 "	168 "
A lot in Chestertown, Kent County	" "
"Fairlee"	"	480 "
"Swamp Resurveyed"	"	483 "
Total	2247 "	1838 "

James Frisby was a Commissioner and Justice of Kent in 1763, 1768-1774 (Md. Commission Book, MSS.).

James Frisby married (1), in 1746/50, Sarah Gresham (born 14 July 1730), daughter of John Gresham of "Gresham's College," Kent County, and his wife Hannah Hynson, daughter of Colonel Nathaniel Hynson, and had issue as follows:

17. I. JOHN^s FRISBY, born *ante* 1752; died *ante* 1800 (*of whom later*).

James Frisby married (2), in 1752/60, Rebecca Ringgold (*c.* 1727-*ante* 1767), daughter of Thomas Ringgold of Eastern Neck, Kent County, and his wife Rebecca Wilmer, daughter of Simon and Rebecca (Tilghman) Wilmer, and had issue as follows:

II. James^s Frisby, born in 1753/6; died *circa* 1 February 1797, *sine prole*.

III. William^s Frisby, born in 1761/2; died *circa* 1790 in Kent County; married, *ante* 1787, Elizabeth Hanson, *sine prole*. [she m. (2) in 1792 Dr. Edward Worrell (1753-1804)].

IV. Rebecca⁵ Frisby, born *ante* 1763; died *ante* 1785, under 16 years of age.

V. Anna Maria⁵ Frisby, born 1763/4; died *circa* 1814; married, *ante* 1786, John Rowles (d. 1802) of Kent.

James Frisby married (3), *ante* 1769, Margaret Moore (died *ante* 1777) daughter of James Moore of Kent County, and had issue as follows:

VI. Sarah⁶ Frisby, born *circa* 1770; died *ante* 1807.

VII. Margaret⁶ Frisby, born 1770/5; died 1807/14; married, 1790/6, Dr. Morgan Brown (1769-1841) of Kent.

James Frisby married (4), *circa* 1777, Ann Wilmer (d. 1785?), daughter of William and Rose (Blackiston) Wilmer, and had issue as follows:

18. VIII. RICHARD⁶ FRISBY, born 25 October 1777; died 24 March 1845 (*of whom later*).

IX. Mary⁶ Frisby, born 3 March 1779; married in 1804 Dr. Joseph Nicholson Gordon (1775-1849).

X. Peregrine⁶ Frisby?, born 1779/85; died young.

XI. Rebecca⁶ Frisby, born 12 January 1785; died 22 July 1827; married, 20 May 1806, the Rev. Simon Wilmer (1779-1840). She was buried at Swedesboro, N. J.

14. RICHARD⁴ FRISBY (*William³, William², James¹*) was born *circa* 1726/30; died in January, 1790. He owned a plantation, located upon a part of a large tract of 1000 acres called "Coney Warren," and also smaller tracts at the head of Worton Creek. He was a Commissioner of Kent County 1762-1774 (Md. Commission Book); a Justice in 1774 (Md. Arch. XVI. 273); Vestryman of Chester Parish 1767-1770. His will, dated 12 January 1790 and proved 25th March following, names his wife Martha, his brother James Frisby and brother-in-law Thomas Jarvis James; his son Richard, Jr., to be brought up as a doctor. His widow married John Kennard of Kent County, Maryland.

Richard Frisby married Martha James, daughter of Jarvis and Sarah (Moore) James and had issue as follows:

19. I. RICHARD JAMES⁵ FRISBY, born in 1789 (*of whom later*).

15. THOMAS PEREGRINE⁵ FRISBY (*Peregrine⁴, Thomas³, James², James¹*) was born 15 September 1746 and died in Harford County, Maryland, in 1781. The will of Thomas Peregrine Frisby, of Harford County, dated 23 February and proved 23 April 1781, devised to his son William Holland Frisby "Black Island" and part of "Collett's Points," part of "Frisby's Convenience" and part of "Planters Delight." The said lands lie together on the Bay Shore, being parts of the old Wells tracts. His will further prescribed how the division line between the lands of his son William H. Frisby and those of his son Thomas P. Frisby was to run. He devised to his son Thomas Peregrine Frisby all his lands on the Bay side, except those previously given to his son William H. Frisby, *viz^t*—parts of "Coheirs Lot," "Collett's Points" and "Frisby's Convenience." To his son John Frisby he devised the lands he bought of Amos Card "and lives on," being parts of "Middleborough" and "Smith's Folly Resurveyed." These lands lie south of Swan Creek, near Boothby Hill. He appointed his wife Mary Frisby as guardian to his children until they should become of age, with a proviso, if she should die before that time, the testator's relative, Francis Holland, should be their guardian (Wills Liber A. J., no. 2, folio 304). On 29 May 1782, Mary Frisby the widow, with Francis Holland and Greenberry Dorsey, gave bond for the administration of the estate; the inventory was taken in September following. On 14 April 1792, "Mary Loney, late Mary Frisby, came and made oath," etc. (Inv. Liber G. B., no. 1, folio 155).

Thomas Peregrine Frisby married Mary — (1750-1819), later the wife of William Loney (1752-1807), and had issue as follows:

- I. William Holland⁶ Frisby, died *circa* 1810/11, *sine prole*.
- II. Thomas Peregrine⁶ Frisby, died in December, 1813; married, 29 August 1811, Mrs. Susanna (—) Mahan, *sine prole?* [NOTE: One Thomas Frisby died in Harford County, Md., in 1826 and W. R. Brooke was the administrator].
- III. John⁶ Frisby, died in 1802.
- IV. Harriet⁶ Frisby, born in 1774.

16. JAMES⁵ FRISBY (*William⁴, William³, William², James¹*) died *circa* 1816. His estate was administered upon, 12 March 1816, by John Stoops and Rebecca Frisby.

James Frisby married, *ante* 1800, Rebecca Stoops and had issued as follows:

I. William⁶ Frisby, born *post* 1811.

II. Elizabeth⁶ Frisby, born *circa* 1810; died 14 March 1862; married John B. H. Anderson (1809-1863).

III. Susan R.⁶ Frisby, born 1810/16; married, 28 December 1852, Dr Alexander M. Anderson (1816-1859).

17. JOHN⁵ FRISBY (*James⁴, William³, William², James¹*) was born *ante* 1752 and died *ante* 1800.

John Frisby married ——— and had issue as follows:

20. I. WILLIAM⁶ FRISBY, born 1775/8; died 1811/16 (*of whom later*).

II. Sarah⁶ Frisby.

III. John⁶ Frisby [Perhaps, the John Frisby of Sussex County, Delaware, who died in 1816, leaving wife Betsy and issue].

IV. Jane⁶ Frisby [Perhaps, the Jane Henrietta Frisby, born 15 January 1795, who married in 1812 the Rev. Lemuel Wilmer (1795-1869)].

18. RICHARD⁵ FRISBY (*James⁴, William³, William², James¹*) was born 25 October 1777 at "Violet Farm" (near St. Paul's Church), Kent County, and died 24 March 1845. About 1811, he made his principal residence in Baltimore County. On 30 August 1814, Sir Peter Parker landed a party of men at Mr. Frisby's estate, in Kent County, who burned the buildings and their contents, with a loss of not less than \$8,490. At that time Mr. Frisby was actively engaged on the Committee of Vigilance and Safety, in preparation for the defense of Baltimore. He died at his residence, "Oxford," in Baltimore County.

Richard Frisby married (1), 17 June 1806, Sarah Barroll (born 1769), doubtless a daughter of the Rev. William and Ann (Williamson) Barroll, but had no issue.

Richard Frisby married (2), 13 August 1811, at "Oxford" near Baltimore, Elizabeth Brown (1787-1854), daughter of James and Elizabeth (Stansbury) Brown of Baltimore County.

[Mrs. Elizabeth B. Frisby married (2) James Edwards]. Richard and Elizabeth (Brown) Frisby had issue as follows:

- I. Ruth Elizabeth Edwards⁶ Frisby, born 31 July 1812; married, 26 August 1834, the Rev. Alfred Holmead, of Washington, D. C.
- II. James Edwards⁶ Frisby, born 22 December 1813; died 6 January 1838; married, 12 March 1834, Eleanor Merryman (1813-1838), daughter of Nicholas and Nancy Merryman, and had one daughter Elizabeth Edwards⁷ Frisby.
- III. Ann Maria Wilmer Chew⁶ Frisby, born 2 November 1815.
- IV. Mary Rebecca Brown⁶ Frisby, born 28 August 1817; died 24 November 1819.
- V. Richard William Henry⁶ Frisby, born 20 May 1819; died 31 July 1820.
- VI. Mary Rebecca Brown⁶ Frisby, born 14 October 1820.
- VII. William Richard⁶ Frisby, born 21 June 1823; died 24 December 1823.
- VIII. John Jacob⁶ Frisby, born 9 December 1825.

19. RICHARD JAMES⁵ FRISBY (*Richard⁴, William³, William², James¹*) was born in 1789.

He married, *circa* 1815, Mary Ann Buchanan (1798-1874), daughter of James and Anne (Groome) Buchanan of Kent County, and had issue as follows:

21. I. WILLIAM GROOME⁶ FRISBY (*of whom later*).
22. II. RICHARD J.⁶ FRISBY (*of whom later*).
- III. Ann Elizabeth⁶ Frisby, married, 22 December 1840, Sylvester San-ner of St. Mary's County, Md.
- IV. Mary Ann⁶ Frisby.

20. WILLIAM⁶ FRISBY (*John⁵, James⁴, William³, William², James¹*) was born 1775/8 and died 1811/16. He married twice. His first wife was Frances Wilmer. His second wife was Elizabeth Wilmer (sister of Frances) by whom he had no issue.

William Frisby married (1) Frances Wilmer (died *ante* 1813), daughter of John Lambert and Elizabeth (Carmichael) Wilmer, and had issue as follows:

- I. Richard W.⁷ Frisby.
- II. (Margaret) Elizabeth⁷ Frisby, born 9 March 1807; died 9 July 1852; married, 29 June 1824, Samuel E. Briscoe.

21. WILLIAM GROOME⁶ FRISBY (*Richard James⁵, Richard⁴,*

*William*³, *William*², *James*¹) married, 8 February 1849, Mary Matilda Fisher, daughter of Dr. Jacob and Mary Ann (Ringgold) Fisher, and had issue as follows:

- I. Mary⁷ Frisby.
- II. William Groome⁷ Frisby, died young.
- III. Charles Jacob⁷ Frisby, buried 28 December 1874 (Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore).
- IV. Matilda⁷ Frisby.
- V. William Groome⁷ Frisby.

22. RICHARD J.⁶ FRISBY (*Richard James*⁵, *Richard*⁴, *William*³, *William*², *James*¹) married, (lic.) 20 January 1853, Catherine Humphries and had issue as follows:

- I. Richard J.⁷ Frisby.
- II. Emily C.⁷ Frisby.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

October 12th, 1936.—The regular meeting of the Society was held tonight. In the absence of the President, Dr. J. Hall Pleasants, Vice-President, was in the chair.

A long list of donations made to the Society during the summer months was read, with particular attention called to the following:

1. The restoration of the painting "Mount Deposit," the old Sterett home, through the generosity of Mr. William B. Marye.

2. The purchase of a case in which to display the Rodgers silver through the generous donations of the following members: Miss Ella Hoopes, Mr. Roberdeau A. McCormick, Rev. A. Boyer, Mr. Leander McCormick-Goodhart and Mr. J. Alexis Shriver.

3. The portrait of Jane Rebecca Griffith, by Eddy, with the sum of one hundred dollars, being the gift of Miss Jane Rebecca Griffith Keys.

4. The gift of restoration, by the Walters Art Gallery, of one of the most valuable possessions of the Society, being Calvert Paper No. 38, entitled "Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, to Sir George Calvert, creating him Baron of Baltimore in the kingdom of Ireland, February 16, 1624."

5. The Anne Arundel County Rent Roll, purchased and presented by the following members: Charles McHenry Howard, John W. Garrett, Hugh H. Young, Joseph C. France and Leander McCormick-Goodhart.

Dr. Pleasants reminded the Society that there would be no elections to membership at this meeting, due to the fact that all those persons nominated at the May meeting were elected at the same meeting by a special resolution.

It was noted that since January first of this year the Society had increased its membership by ninety-seven Active and Associate members, largely through the efforts of Mrs. Robert F. Brent of the Membership Committee, and Mr. Marshall Winchester.

The following deaths were reported from among our members :

Frederick R. Bartlett, on May 3rd, 1936.

William Keyser, Jr., on June 5th, 1936.

James McC. Trippe, on July 10th, 1936.

William H. Emory, Jr., on August 9th, 1936.

Miss Louise A. Weedon, on August 21st, 1936.

Lemuel T. Appold, on August 30th, 1936.

Martin Lehmeier, on September 5th, 1936.

Mrs. Winslow S. Pierce (Grace Williams), on September 7th, 1936.

Thomas Foley Hisky, on September 7th, 1936.

Thomas B. Marshall, on September 18th, 1936.

Mrs. Pembroke Lea Thom (Mary Isabel Rieman), on October 12th, 1936.

Vertrees J. Wyckoff, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Economics at St. John's College, gave a most interesting talk on "Some Economic Problems of Seventeenth Century Maryland."

An informal discussion on the tobacco trade in Maryland and Virginia followed the lecture; the questions being asked by the members and answered by Dr. Wyckoff.

At the close of the meeting Dr. W. Stull Holt moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Professor Wyckoff for his most enlightening talk.

November 9th, 1936.—The regular meeting of the Society was held tonight with President Riggs in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as read.

A list of the donations made to the library and gallery was read.

Dr. Pleasants gave a brief account of the very valuable gift of Dr. Joseph S. Ames. The gift consisted of some two hundred volumes and manuscripts, including a number of records from the genealogical collection of the late Wilson Miles Cary. It was Moved, That a vote of thanks from the Society be extended to Dr. Ames for his very valuable gift.

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The following named persons were elected to membership:

Active:

Lt. Col. Harold F. Wirgman	Mrs. Sidney M. Cone
Mr. Harry N. Baetjer	Mrs. J. L. Dulany
Mr. Charles H. Baetjer	Mr. George C. Cutler
Mr. Edwin G. Baetjer	Mr. Philip B. Perlman
Mr. Howard Baetjer	Mrs. Harvey G. Beck
Dr. Walter A. Baetjer	Dr. Michael A. Abrams
Mr. John Philips Cranwell	Miss Esther M. Dole
Dr. Sarah Janet Bassett	Dr. Albert Keidel
Mrs. Grafflin Cook	Mr. Royden A. Blunt
Mrs. Thomas R. Brown	Mrs. Edward J. Shriver

Associate:

Mrs. Priscilla de Manduit	Mrs. Henry H. Gronemeyer
Mrs. Frank E. Jennings	Mrs. Walter S. Carpenter
Mrs. Harris H. Horner	Mr. Murray Hanson

Mr. Walter Dorsey Davidge	Miss Eleanora L. Bowling
Lt. Comm. J. H. Maynard	Dr. James A. Robertson
Mr. William P. Craig, Jr.	Senator Millard E. Tydings
Mrs. Edwin Nash Broyles	Mrs. Richard H. Pleasants
Mr. Henry Burton Potter	Mr. John A. Magee
Dr. B. Lucien Brun	Mrs. John A. Magee
Mrs. J. C. Joyce	

The following deaths were reported from among our members :

Mrs. James H. Scott, on March 7th, 1936.

Mr. John M. Dennis, on October 16th, 1936.

Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs, on October 20th, 1936.

The speaker of the evening, Judge Francis Neal Parke, read a very interesting paper entitled: "Witchcraft in Maryland, studied on the basis of some new documents."

Dr. Kent Roberts Greenfield Moved, That a vote of thanks be extended by the Society to Judge Parke. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, upon motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

STEVENSON. Information wanted concerning Charles Stevenson and his descendants. Charles was b. December 14, 1740 and d. October 10, 1832. A daughter Ruth, married Stephen Ford and migrated to Ohio, about 1799. Another daughter Mary, married Nicodemus Bond, and became the mother of Shadrack Bond, first governor of Illinois. A daughter Elizabeth, married Charles De Vilbiss. A daughter Kiturah married Peter Senseney; another daughter Rebecca, married Abraham Stansbury.

Address, Mrs. J. R. Ford,
3056 Delwood Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.,
South Hills.

HARRISON. Information wanted of Samuel Harrison who came from England in 1720 and settled in Frederick county, Md. He brought with him a son, Richard, then six years of age. Richard had sons, Richard, Jr., Peter and William. Peter went to Fayette county, Pa., about 1796, where a son was born to him, August 1, 1796.

Mrs. James R. Quinn,
2617 San Jacinto St.,
Houston, Texas.

HOWARD. In Scharf's *History of Western Maryland*, four Howards are listed in All Saint's Parish, Frederick county, 1739: Thomas, George, Jacob and Rezin. Rezin served in the French and Indian War. Who were the parents of Rezin and where did he come from? Was he related to the other Howards in Frederick county? Rezin married Esther, widow of John Ashbrook, of "Antelope John" family (N. J.). He owned land in Romney, Va., and is listed there in Census of 1820.

Ida Helen McCarty,
Pennville, Indiana.

McATEE. I desire to know the parents of George Macatee or McAtee, who married Elizabeth Hamilton in Charles county, February 9, 1768. He was the first of the name to settle in Harford county, Md., but probably came from Charles county.

Mrs. John B. Earle,
Milldale, Warren Co.,
Virginia.

May 28th, 1936.

Editor, Maryland Historical Magazine:

Vol. LX, No. 3, MARYLAND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE (Sept. 1914), contains the following paragraph from a Genealogical Sketch of the Todd Family of Maryland, by Dr. Christopher Johnson, pages 299 and 300:

3. "Lancelot Todd² (Thomas 1), Anne Arundel County, was apparently the second son of Thomas, the immigrant, and was of age, before 1671, when he was guardian to his brother,

John. 14 Sept. 1671, Lancelot and Cornelius Howard of Anne Arundel County, guardians to John Tood, brother to Lancelot, convey to Thomas Furley of Talbott Co., the tract "Todd upon Darvan," containing 400 acres, on St. Michael's River (Talbot Co., 1, 173).

15 April, 1680, Lancelot Todd was a witness to the will of Cornelius Howard, *to whom he seems to have been related in some way.*

In 1683, Lancelot Todd of Anne Arundel County, and Sarah, his wife, *daughter of Thomas Phelps (d. 1674)*, late of Anne Arundel County deceased, convey to *Edward Philkes* of said County a tract of 150 acres, called Wolf's Neck, on Gunpowder River (Baltimore Co. R. M. No. H. S., 110).

The will of Lancelot Todd, Anne Arundel Co., Planter, dated 28 Feb. 1690, was proved 10 Nov. 1691 (Annapolis, II, 219).

After providing for his wife Sarah, he leaves to his son John, at the age of 18 years, "the plantation I now live on, and one half *Philk's (sic) Rest*, and to his daughter, Mary, the other half of *Philk's Rest* — Bequests to daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanor. His wife Sarah, and his friend, John Hammond, are appointed Executors, etc. . . .

His daughter Mary to have the cow her *Aunt Elizabeth Howard* gave her."

May I elucidate?

The name *Philkes*, and *Philk's Rest*, which puzzled Dr. Johnston, should be *Phelps*. The *Phelps* name is frequently distorted and misspelled by Recorders.

William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. III, p. 182, gives an inventory of the estate of *Edward Phelps*, 1679. An estate of some value.

No heirs mentioned, so far as I know. I have not a copy of this magazine before me, but it is reasonable to suppose that *Edward Philkes (Phelps)* of the deed of 1683, was a son of *Edward*, 1679, or else, a son of *Thomas Phelps (d. 1674)*, and hence, a brother of *Sarah Phelps Todd*.

Lancelot Todd, as represented by *Christopher Johnston*, is at some pains to state in his deed of 1683, to *Edward Philkes (Phelps)*, in which he is joined by his wife, that she *Sarah*, was the daughter of *Thomas Phelps*, of Anne Arundel Co., deceased (d. 1674). It is a fair presumption that *Sarah* had inherited this land from her father, and is selling or deeding it to her cousin or brother *Edward*.

Mr. Johnston states in the paragraph quoted, that Lancelot Todd witnessed the will of Cornelius Howard in 1680, and seemed to be related, in some way, to Howard.

Lancelot Todd, in his will, gives to his daughter, Mary, a cow given her by her *Aunt Elizabeth Howard*.

Mrs. Elizabeth Howard was the wife or widow of Cornelius Howard (in 1690). Warfield, in his "Founders, etc.," states: "Capt. John Sisson, in 1663, named Cornelius Howard, 'my brother,' and executor." Hence, we naturally conclude that Elizabeth Howard was Elizabeth Sisson, sister of Capt. Joseph.

In 1736, *William Phelps*, with John Howard and John Burgess, is a witness of the will of Joseph Howard, son of Cornelius. (Warfield, "Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties," pages 71 and 72.)

There seems no way for Mrs. Elizabeth Howard to be the Aunt of Mary Todd, daughter of Lancelot and Sarah (Phelps). She was probably the great Aunt by marriage, since it seems indicated that the wife of Thomas Phelps, was a sister of Cornelius Howard. So that William Phelps and Joseph Howard, mentioned above, were first cousins. William Phelps, 1736, was doubtless a son of Thomas, 1674, and a brother of Sarah Todd, wife of Lancelot.

There was a Thomas Phelps, 1666, Master of a Merchantman, the *Dolphin*, out of Bristol, Eng., who gave Bond of £1,000, on May 7th, 1666. One of 20 men giving a bond of £1,000 each. (Information from an unpublished book, "An Accumulation of Evidence"—a History of the Phelps Family, by Mrs. James W. Caperton (Katherine Phelps) of Richmond, Kentucky.) This Thomas Phelps, Master Merchantman, 1666, may have been the Thomas of Anne Arundel, died 1674.

No will of Thomas Phelps, d. 1674, seems to be obtainable. Does any one know what became of the descendants of this man?

The will of Thomas Phelps of Albermarle Co., Va., was probated 1754. He left a son Thomas Phelps, Jr. No will, so far as is known.

The will of Thomas Phelps, who went to Kentucky from Buckingham Co., Va., in 1775, was probated Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1797 (Bullit Co.).

Records of Albemarle, Goochland and Bedford Counties, Va., indicate that this Thomas of Kentucky was the son of John of Bedford, died 1772, and that his ancestry goes back to New England. What is the connection with the Maryland family?

MINERVA PHELPS JENNINGS.

To the Editor of The Maryland Historical Magazine:

The footnotes to the interesting article, "Letters of a Medical Student in Philadelphia and Edinburgh," in the *Magazine* for September, 1936, indicate some confusion as to the identity of the "Stewarts" mentioned. Under date of October 26, 1783, there is this sentence: "My compliments to Dr. Stewart." This is Dr. James Steuart, of Annapolis and Baltimore, who is buried in Old St. Paul's graveyard in Lombard street. He was the father of Dr. Richard Sprigg Steuart. Again, in the letter from Edinburgh of December 20, 1783, there is this sentence: "Dr. Stewart in Annapolis is a good judge what the expenses of a student will be in this place." Here, again, the reference is to Dr. James Steuart. Under date of Edinburgh, February 9, 1784, a letter says: "He comes to your city with recommendations from Dr. Stewart," and a footnote says: "Another Dr. Stewart whose home was in Scotland, probably related to Dr. Stewart of Annapolis." Here the writer refers to Dr. George Steuart, who settled in Annapolis about 1720 and married Ann Digges of Warburton Manor. He returned to Scotland at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. He was the father of Dr. James Steuart of Annapolis.

On March 4, 1784, the writer speaks of his intention to visit Dr. Steuart at Stirling, and on August 2, 1784, he mentioned Dr. Steuart's death. Both references are to Dr. George Steuart.

Under date of September 29, 1784, he writes of spending "a week or two at Mr. Stewart's place at Argaty," and the footnote calls this Mr. Stewart "A Scot who was apparently related to some of the Stewarts of Annapolis." This "Mr. Steuart" was George Hume Steuart, son of Dr. George Steuart and brother of Dr. James Steuart of Annapolis. Dr. George Steuart, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, took both his elder sons, George Hume and James, to Scotland to be educated. James was graduated in medicine and returned to Annapolis to practice. George Hume Steuart changed his name to George Steuart Hume and took up his residence at the baronial estate of the family, Argaty. Dr. George Steuart changed the spelling of his name from Stewart to Steuart in compliment (according to family legend) to his sovereign, Charles I, who was sentenced to death as "Charles Steuart."

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